

# **JONATHAN PRESCOTT**

**1675-1755**

**A Founder of Kensington, New Hampshire**

**And Early Settler of Hampton & Hampton Falls, New Hampshire**

**Son of English Emigrant James Prescott,**

**A Founder Of Hampton Falls Parish and Kingston, N.H.**

**And His Son**

# **CAPTAIN JONATHAN PRESCOTT**

**1696-1746**

**A Founder Of Kensington**

**And Early Settler of Hampton Falls, Who Dies**

**In The Greatest Colonial Victory That Few Have Ever Heard Of**

# **A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY**

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# The Prescott Memorial:

OR A

## GENEALOGICAL MEMOIR

OF THE

## PRESCOTT FAMILIES

IN AMERICA.

IN TWO PARTS.

BY WILLIAM PRESCOTT, M. D.,

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# JONATHAN PRESCOTT, 8/6/1675 – 1/6/1755

## Son of James and A Founder of Kensington, N.H.

<https://archive.org/stream/prescottmemorialoopres#page/n258/mode/1up> The Prescott Memorial (Pmem)

### SECOND GENERATION.

*Issue of James Prescott (1) and Mary Boulter.*

2. 1. JOSHUA,(11) b. March 1, 1669 ; m. The record of this son is very deficient. We find no record of his marriage or death, nor the name of his wife, or the birth of but a part of his children. He removed from Hampton Falls to Kingston as early as 1725, as he was one of the members of the church when first gathered or organized there, Sept. 29, 1725. His name appears as an inhabitant of Hampton Falls in 1722. In 1727, he and his son Nathan are found to be inhabitants of Kingston. He resided a part, if not all of the time, after leaving Hampton Falls, in that part of Kingston, which, since 1738, has constituted the town of East Kingston. It is a tradition in the family that he did not marry until 38 to 40 years of age, which the date of the birth of his children would seem to confirm.
3. 2. JAMES, JR.,(22) b. Sept. 1, 1671 ; m. March 1, 1695, Maria Marston, dau. of William Marston, Jr., and Rebecca Page, (dau. of Robert and Lucy Page, one of the first settlers of Hampton). She was b. May 16, 1672. They were both admitted to the church, Oct. 10, 1697. Maria d. He m. June 17, 1746, for a second wife, widow Abigail Sanborn ; she was dau. of Edward Gove, one of the first settlers of Hampton. She m. 1st, Deacon Philemon Dalton, in 1690. After his death, she m. 2d, Deacon Benjamin Sanborn, in 1724, being his third wife ; after his death, she m. James Prescott, as above. James, Jr., was a farmer, and resided near his father upon the opposite (west) side of the road leading from the Hampton Falls Academy to Exeter. He was styled *Sergeant*, as, by the Hampton record, Sergeant James Prescott was chosen one of the constables in 1707 ; also, Sergeant James Prescott was at Port Royal, six months, from March to Sept., 1701. He was also deacon of the church.
4. 3. REBECCA,(30) b. April 15, 1673 ; m. Dec. 3, 1691, Nathaniel Sanborn, son of Lieut. John Sanborn and Mary Tucke (one of the first settlers of Hampton), and b. Jan. 27, 1666. They were admitted to the church, Nov. 14, 1697. She d. Aug. 19, 1704, leaving five children. He m. for a second wife, Sarah Nason, and had six children ; he d. Nov. 9, 1723.
5. 4. JONATHAN,(35) b. Aug 6, 1675 ; m. Elizabeth —. He settled in that part of Hampton, which, since 1737, has constituted the town of Kensington. He was admitted to the church, March 5, 1749, in his 74th year. Elizabeth, his wife, was admitted, Aug. 29, 1708 ; he d. at Kensington, Jan. 6, 1755, in his 80th year. He was one of the petitioners for the new town of Kensington, in 1736. In 1696 he labored seven days at Fort William and Mary, and

(note his sister Mary's story; brothers John and Nathaniel join Jonathan in settling Kensington)

in 1710 was one of a scouting party under Capt. John Gilman. (See Rep. Adj't. Gen. New Hampshire, 1866, p. 34.)

6. 5. **MARY**,(41) b. June 11, 1677; m. Jabez Coleman, Nov. 2, 1699. He was the son of Tobias and Ann Coleman of Rowley, Mass., and b. in Rowley, May 27, 1668. Tobias was the son of Thomas Coleman, the emigrant, who purchased one twentieth part of the island of Nantucket, of the first ten proprietors, in 1659. Jabez settled, first, in Hampton, but became one of the first settlers of Kingston, where he and his son Joseph were killed by the Indians, while at work in the field, on the 4th of Sept., 1724, one ball passing through his neck and another through the hip. Number of children not known. (See N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register, vol. xi., p. 347, and vol. xiii., p. 129; also, N. H. Gazetteer, Article Kingston). She m. 2d, Thomas Crosby, Nov. 9, 1730, and for a third husband, she m. a Mr. Bean; she died in 1740, a. 63.
7. 6. **ABIGAIL**, b. Nov. 19, 1679, and was a twin sister to Patience. She m. Richard Bounds, Nov. 2, 1699, on the same day with her sister Mary and Jabez Coleman. He was a tailor and settled in Portsmouth, N. H., where he was living in 1714.
8. 7. **PATIENCE**, b. Nov. 19, 1679, d. young. She and Abigail (above) were gemini or twins.
9. 8. **JOHN**,(42) b. Nov. 19, 1681; m. Abigail Marston, Aug. 8, 1701, dau. of James Marston and Dinah Sanborn of Hampton (probably a dau. of Lieut. John). She was b. March 17, 1679; admitted to the church, Feb. 22, 1702, and d. in Kensington, Dec. 30, 1760, a. 81 yrs. 9 mos. He was admitted to the church, June 6, 1721, and both were transferred from the church at Hampton Falls to that at Kensington in 1737, and back again to Hampton Falls, March 7, 1742. He was in His Majesty's service in 1707; also, in Capt. Davis' scouting party, in 1712. He d. in 1761, a. 80. Among other articles named in his will, which was proved in 1761, are the following: a sword, a gun, a pair of pistols and holsters, powder-horn, &c.
10. 9. **NATHANIEL**, b. Nov. 19, 1683; m. Ann Marston, sister to Abigail, who m. John Prescott, (9) Dec. 30, 1703. She was b. Feb. 16, 1681, and d. in Kensington, Dec. 10, 1761, a. 80. They were admitted to the church at Hampton Falls, July 19, 1718, and transferred to that of Kensington in 1737. He d. Feb. 26, 1771, a. 87 years 3 mos.; his will was proved, Sept. 4, 1771. No issue. He was in His Majesty's service in 1707.

## 1675 March 6 Jonathan Birth-Entry In Hampton Town Records (HTR), vol.2 p.212

"Jonathan the Son of James Prescott and of Mary his wife born: 6: 3mo 75"

(lower right)

Records of the birth of Children in Hampton Anno. 1675.  
 Abigail, daughter of Samuel Dalton, Henry, son of Joseph Dow,  
 of Michaela. His wife was born 21. 9. 1673. Mary, his wife born 7. 9. 1673.

excerpted

James, son of James Prescott, Sarah, his wife was born 24. 3. 74, Jonathan, his son of James Prescott,  
 Elizabeth, daughter of John Garland, and of Mary, his wife born 21. 9. 1673, and later, a daughter of Thomas.

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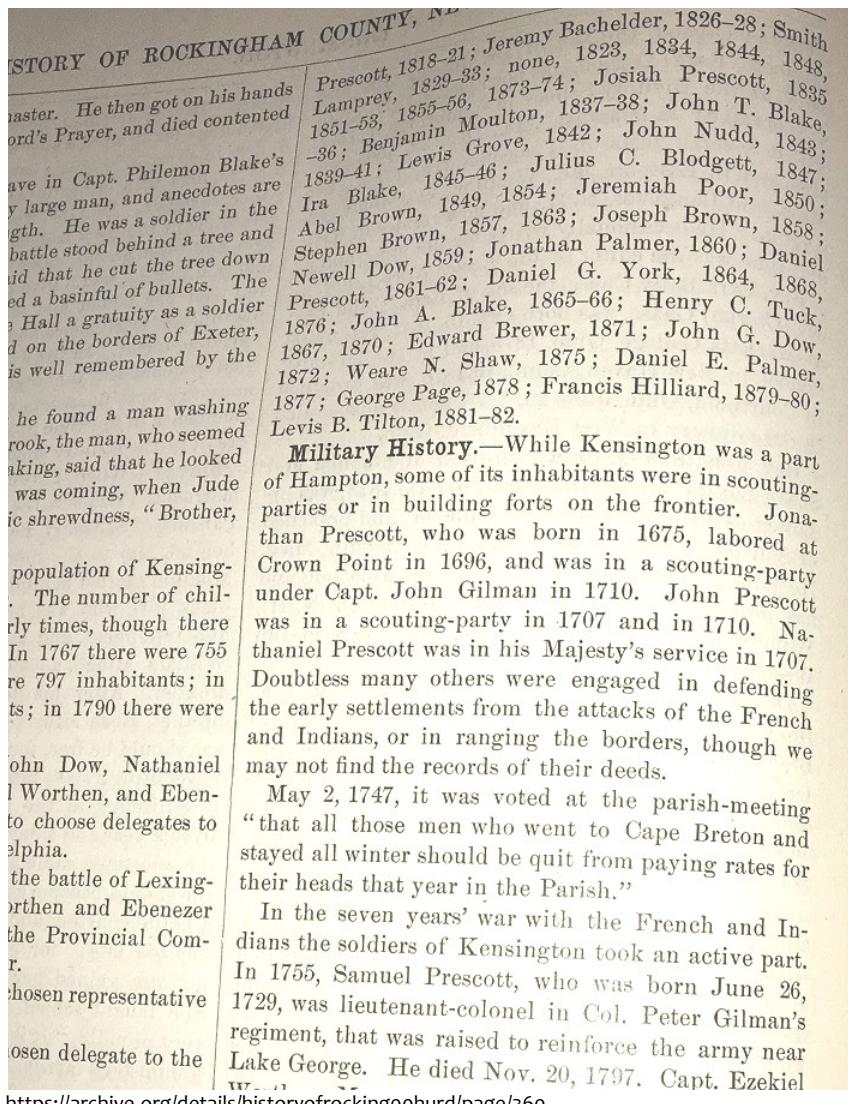
## 1675 March 6 Jonathan Birth Re-Certificate, 1906 Hampton Town Clerk

(NH Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics)

Child's Name.....	Jonathan Prescott
Date of Birth.....	6. 3 mo. 1675
Place of Birth.....	
Sex.....	M. & L. C. Color.....
Living or Stillborn.....	
No. of Child, 1st, 2d, etc.....	
Father's Name.....	James Prescott
" Birthplace.....	
" Color.....	Age.....
" Residence.....	
" Occupation.....	
Mother's Maiden Name.....	Mary
" Birthplace.....	
" Color.....	Age.....
" Occupation.....	
Name and Address of Physician (or other person) reporting said Birth.	
.....	
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.	
I hereby certify that the above birth record is a correct transcript as required by Chap. 21, Session Laws, 1905.	
Horace M. Lane	
Clerk of.....	Hampton
Date.....	April 19, 1906

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DT13-3BB?i=1079&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AFLPM-CQV>

## Jonathan & Brothers: History Of Rockingham And Strafford Counties, New Hampshire, p.360



<https://archive.org/details/historyofrockingohurd/page/360>

### 1694 July 12-19 Jonathan Works At Fort In New Castle (Portsmouth, now Fort Constitution) (New Hampshire State Papers [NHSP] vol.17 p.640-1; excerpted)

[1-93]

[Certificates. Soldiers and Workmen on the Fort, 1694.]

July the 14<sup>th</sup> 1694

This may Sertify whome It may Concern That Jacob Brown of Hampton hath wrought Ten days at their foart W<sup>m</sup> and Mary ffinding his own provisions

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This may Certify whome it may Consern y<sup>e</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Tilton of Hampton wrought at their Majestys Forte at New Castle from the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1694 untill y<sup>e</sup> 19, being 14 days and provided himself 7 days provision

Shadrach Walton Cap<sup>t</sup>

allowed in Councile 9<sup>br</sup>: 30: 94 £1. 8. 0

[Same certificate relative to John Hussey, Stephen Swett, and Jonathan Prescott, from July 12 to 19, except residence. — ED.]

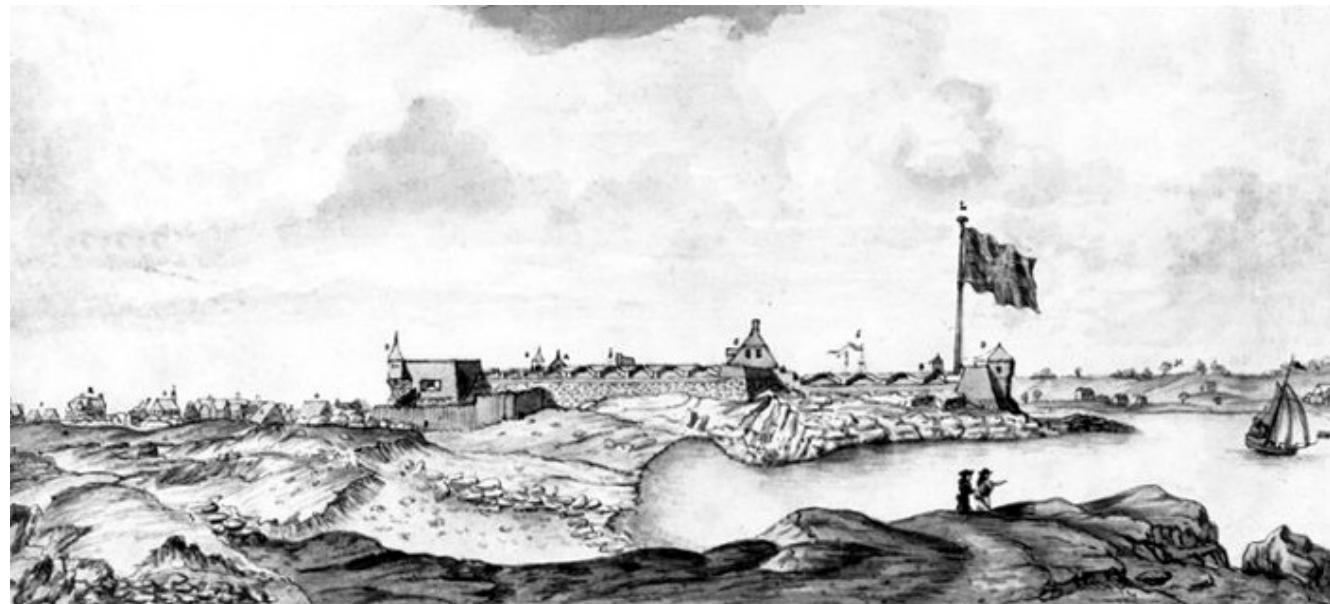
From Roland Sawyer's History Of Kensington (1946), page 191:

in early history. Here we find our first record of service by a Kensington man. Jonathan Prescott, who later settled the farm now owned by Dr. Clifford G. Rounsefell, was in the service at the age of 20.



[http://www.fortwiki.com/Fort\\_Constitution\\_\(2\)](http://www.fortwiki.com/Fort_Constitution_(2))

In 1696, Jonathan helped fortify Fort William & Mary, now Fort Constitution at New Castle in Portsmouth, NH. Notice the large, irregular boulders. Located on a present day Coast Guard base, this may be the oldest (1631) continually occupied military site in the United States.



**Fort William and Mary, New Hampshire, 1705**

[http://www.fortwiki.com/Fort\\_Constitution\\_\(2\)](http://www.fortwiki.com/Fort_Constitution_(2))

## 1695 Jonathan Arrested With Others For "throwing Down Fences" In Land Dispute

**395** Soldiers' Assignments of Pay to the Town. Aug. 24, 1676. — Bodge 370.

**396** Tax List 8 May 1680.

— N. H. Hist. Coll. viii. 57, Prov. Papers i. 424 (Court Files v. 111).  
Jon. wherever in this paper means John.  
Alter Phillips to Phillip Towle.

**397a** Inquest, John Godfrey's child, July 13, 1680. — N. H. Hist. Coll. viii. 45.

**397b** Inquest, Nathl. Smith, 31 July 1680.  
— N. H. Hist. Coll. viii. 49.  
Alter Heat Lovet to Areat.

**398** Aged Men's Petition, 2 Mar. 1683-4.  
— N. H. Prov. Papers i. 457.

Alter John Drown to John Brown.

Alter Isaiah to Isaack Perkins.

Alter Anthony Tabor to Anthony Talor.

**399a** Military Service, 1694-1696.

Arrests for Rioting — throwing down fences in town bounds dispute. Warrant served by Aaron Moses on ten men, and bail taken: [N. H. Prov. Papers xii. 102-109].  
John Redman for his son John Redman.  
Jacob Wedgewood for John Levet.  
Abraham Cole for David Wedgewood.  
Isaac Marston for Caleb Marston.  
Thomas Roby for James Perkins.  
James Perkins for Thomas Roby.  
John Lefet for Jacob Brown.  
Jonathan Prescott for himself.  
Samuel Telton "cled."

ably outside of Kingston

**Selectmen**

James Prescott Sen.

Isaac Godfrey

Gershom Elkins

**Town Clerk**

Nathaniel Sanborn

Frequent town meetin  
Dec. 19, 1700, grants v  
patentees and six new n

Aaron Sleeper

Moses Elkins

Ichabod Robey

Early in 1701 home lo  
ows were divided to eig  
tlers:

Ebenezer Webster

Moses Elkins

Jonathan Sanborn

Ichabod Robey

[All crossed out]

But in the same sum  
re-divided to include five

Samuel Colcord

James Prescott

Edward Fifield

A grant to 17 men, 1

Jacob Gilman

Samuel Colcord Jun.

Gershom Elkins

10 July 1702, 16 lots

Thomas Scribner

Nathan Taylor

A bond dated 30 Apr.

## 1696 DID JONATHAN "Get Her With Child And She Not Yet Being Brought To Bed"? Could Mary Cram be the mother of Jonathan Jr.?

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also summonsed  
ant was for James  
charge. Although  
not allowed his  
urrendered himself  
lings in costs. The  
st Sarah (Clifford)  
after marriage" was  
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"born soon after  
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ampton Falls (1712)  
d to Kingston where  
ng members of the  
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ith 3 polls; his son  
s well as being taxed  
Joshua was taxed for  
more successful men  
2 Estate List, Pauline

rah will be interested  
e Clifford family of  
rael Clifford married  
ey had five children.  
ton church and was  
Dec. 1711. The father  
ord (born in England),  
me to Boston in 1644.  
was the same George  
old Village and parish  
ry of Hampton Falls,  
wn, Manchester, N.H.

th, who married Israel  
preceding paragraph,  
*History of Hampton*  
the sister of Nathaniel  
th were involved in the

married Israel Clifford." Dow, like Dr. William Prescott (author of *The Prescott Memorial*) did not pick up on the marriage of Sarah Clifford, daughter of Israel and Ann, to Joshua Prescott. Dow does include the birth date of Sarah as 10 May 1691 but speculates that she probably died young. [*History of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire*, Vol. I and II, Joseph Dow, Salem, MA 1893, pp 80, 84-85, 638, 977-978].

Descendants of Jonathan, son of James and Mary, will be interested in another legal case recorded in the Hampton court of sessions, 2 June 1696. "Whereas Jonathan Prescott of Hampton was bound over to this session to answer the complaint of Mary Cram for getting her with child and she not yet being brought to bed, the court takes the same bond until the next session and the principal security owned the same in court." Jonathan Prescut had signed bond as principal with James Prescut, Sr., as security on 18 Mar. 1695/6 [*New Hampshire Court Records*, Vol. 11, p. 131-132, 217-218]. The question arose as to whether Jonathan had two children born about the same time or was his son Jonathan, born July 1696, the son of Mary Cram.

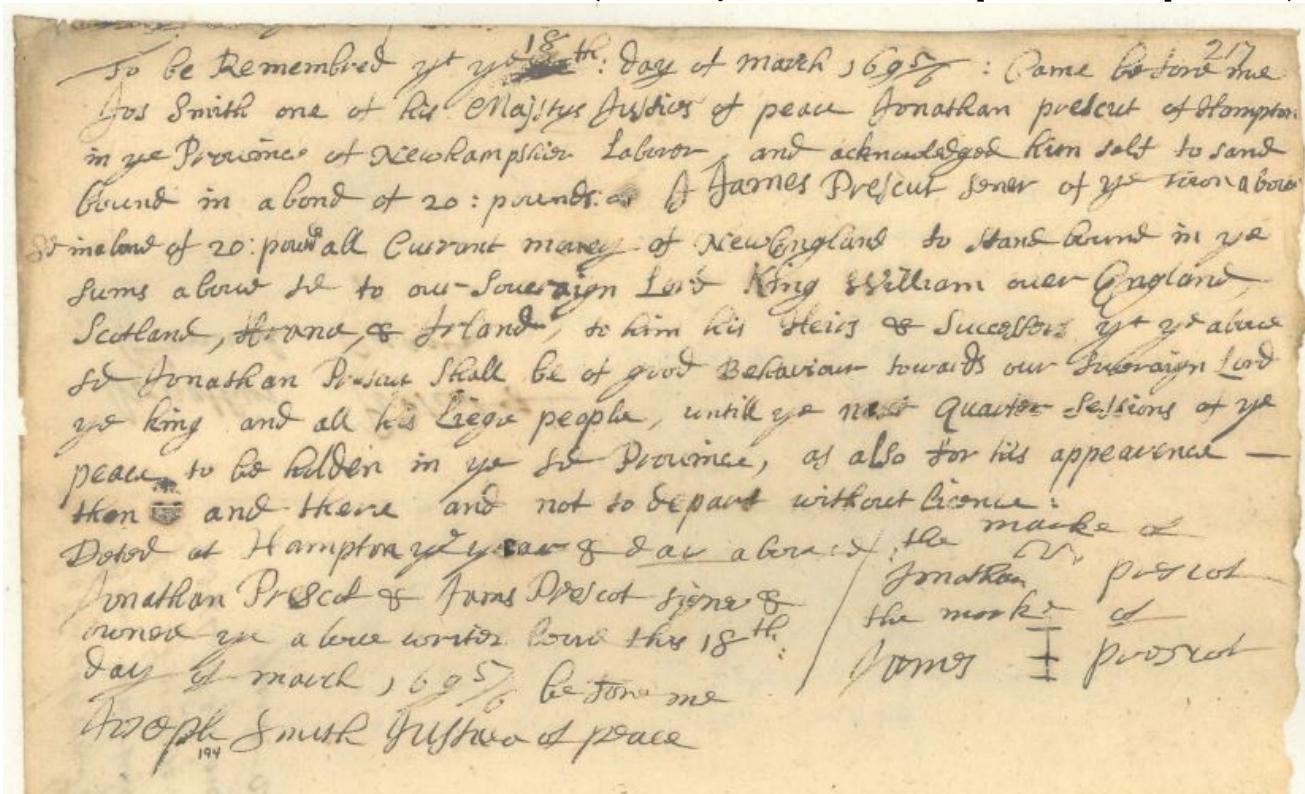
*Geneaogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [Sybil Noyes, et al., Baltimore, 1983, p. 568] states that Mary Cram accused him in June 1696 after he had married Elizabeth (Pulsifer) Clifford; that Jonathan died 6 Jan. 1755; that Elizabeth made her will that month naming her Clifford daughter and 3 of 6 Prescotts born between 1696 and 1709 as well as grandchildren. A copy of Elizabeth's will was sought to verify which 3 of the Prescott children she listed, as no wedding date was provided in the article. Elizabeth identified herself as the "widow relict of Jonathan Prescut of Hampton Falls...yeoman, deceased," and identified all six of Jonathan's children born between 1696 and 1709 in her will and claimed them as her own. "...daughter of my Daughter Abigail Lock Deceased...daughter to my Daughter Mary Hilyard Deceased...my son Jeremiah Prescut...my Son Joseph Prescut...my Son Jonathan Prescut Deceased...my Son Benjamin Prescut ..." [*Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire*, Otis G. Hammond, ed. NH. 1936, Vol. 5, 1754-1756, pp 211-212.]

— L. Rachell Fuller

Probate Records. The Continuing

**1695/6 March 18 Jonathan Bail Posted By Dad James In Unnamed (Cram) Court Case. They both sign their Marks.**

(New Hampshire State Archives [NHSArchives], Concord)



NB, the calendar during colonial times can be confusing as some years are joined as in the above 1695/96; for an explanation see:

<http://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/hg/colonialresearch/calendar>

1696 June 2 Jonathan in Court for Mary Cram Complaint of "Getting her with child and she not yet being brought to bed", Postponed (last paragraph).  
(NHSArchives)

Provins of N. H. at a Court of Session at held  
New Hampsh. at Portsm<sup>t</sup>. June 2<sup>d</sup> 1696.  
Being present Joseph Smith Esq<sup>131</sup>  
Gen. Dow, Th: Parker, Shadrach Walton:  
W<sup>th</sup>off: Shod<sup>c</sup> et alinson, Jn<sup>c</sup> Walker  
the Sheriff, Jnd<sup>c</sup> Sheriff  
W<sup>m</sup> Redford Clark & C<sup>o</sup>.

Const<sup>c</sup> Portsm<sup>t</sup>. Ed<sup>c</sup> Toogood: Benj<sup>c</sup> Cotton  
of Hampton W<sup>m</sup> Field Jn<sup>c</sup> Board  
Ex<sup>c</sup> Ed<sup>c</sup> Wilson Wigging, Sam<sup>c</sup> Shing: Dover  
Nath<sup>c</sup> Heard, O<sup>c</sup> v. River Tho: the fly.  
New Castle, Ed<sup>c</sup> Rendle, Jn<sup>c</sup> Levy:

Jury Called:  
Jn<sup>c</sup> Dan<sup>c</sup> Jun<sup>c</sup> Horman: Hen<sup>c</sup> Williams. Joseph Bony  
Sam<sup>c</sup> Tibbitts Jn<sup>c</sup> Jason, Sam<sup>c</sup> East, Nath<sup>c</sup> Shoulton  
J<sup>c</sup> Shabs Tho: Rob<sup>c</sup>: Jn<sup>c</sup> Head, Sam<sup>c</sup> Jackson  
Hugh Gould, Richd. Morgan Th: W<sup>c</sup> Foster: Jerome  
Jury d<sup>c</sup> Walford: W<sup>m</sup> Hawkins: Xloph<sup>c</sup> Potters:  
Xloph<sup>c</sup> Potters.

Whereas Jn<sup>c</sup> Nathan Frost coll of Hampton  
was bound over to this Session to answer the  
Complaint of Mary Cram for getting  
her with Child, and she not being yet  
brought to bed, the Court takes the same  
Bond until the next Session, and the people  
and Securitys owned the same in Court.

Witnessed Attest and Thomas Wilson Coll of  
Portsm<sup>t</sup> June 2<sup>d</sup> 1696.

Though, it seems SOMEBODY was fined “50 shillings” for court costs. (NHSArchives)

Mary Cram of Hampton having in q owned that she  
is got wth Child by one you are Prostrett. the Re: my  
a single woman & the Chd being presented to  
the Board. The Board order that she q. Joseph  
Smith take the sum of fifty shillings  
and Cost of Court 10. / 6. and returned the same  
to the next Session

(NHSArchives)

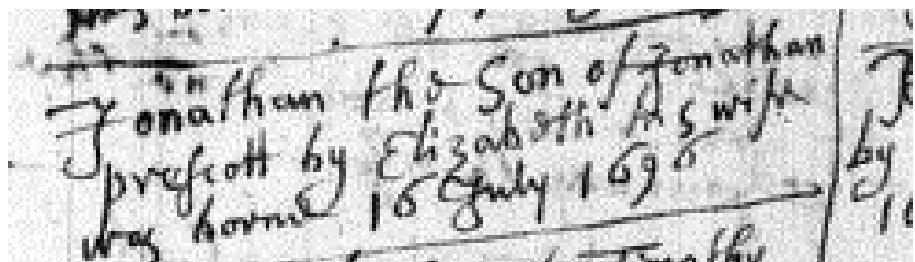
Johnathan Prostrett  
Bond continued in  
full force to the  
next Session  
June 28/695

Johnathan Prostrett  
of Hamptn Cram

One Month Later.....

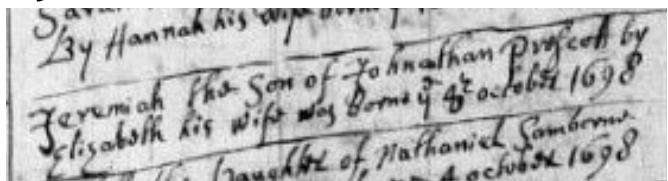
1696 July 16 Jonathan Jr. (a.k.a. Captain) born

(HTR v.2 p.223)

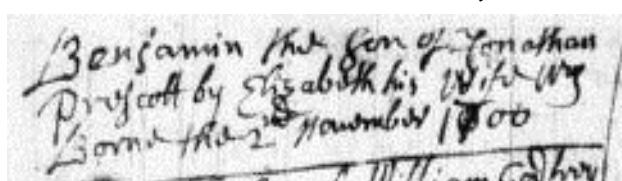


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1698 Oct. 8 Jonathan's son Jeremiah born



1700 Nov. 2 Jonathan's son Benjamin born



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1702 January 12 Jonathan and James Jr. Granted Hampton Lots Among First In  
What Is Now Kensington ("First West Division"; more Divisions  
followed in the two decades ahead; see map page 45)

(see Kensington Master Plan , History: <https://www.town.kensington.nh.us/planning-board/pages/master-plan-documentation>)

(HTR v.2 p.150; excerpted)

An account of the number of Every Mans Lot in the first Division Lately lay'd out and lots drawn for y-12 <sup>th</sup> January 1702 1700-1701	
James Philbrook Senior	1
John Ladd Jr	2
Victor Cowlund	3
James Conter	4
Sam <sup>t</sup> Smith	48
Israill Clifton	49
John Tuck	50-51
John How	52

First West Division	
James Prescott Jr	267
Isaac Webster	268
Joseph Dow Senior	269-270
Tho. Masson	271
John Fuller	272:273
First West Division	
Jacob Browne	322:323:324:325
Jonathan Prescott	326
Sam <sup>t</sup> Shaw	327
Sam <sup>t</sup> Palmer Jr	328:329

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1702/3 March 23 Jonathan daughter Abigail born 1705 Dec. 27 Jonathan son Joseph born

Hannah Mrs. Abigail the Daughter of Jonathan  
precepted by Elizabeth his wife was  
born 23 March 1702/3 — — —  
the wife of Benjamin

Joseph the Son of Jonathan Prescott by  
Elizabeth his wife was born 27 December 1745

(HTR v2 pp.188.5,190) [https://archive.org/stream/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS\\_201802/HAMPTON%20RECORDS%20VOLUME%20%20PHOTOS#page/n272/mode/1up](https://archive.org/stream/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS_201802/HAMPTON%20RECORDS%20VOLUME%20%20PHOTOS#page/n272/mode/1up) [https://archive.org/stream/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS\\_201802/HAMPTON%20RECORDS%20VOLUME%20%20PHOTOS#page/n274/mode/1up](https://archive.org/stream/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS_201802/HAMPTON%20RECORDS%20VOLUME%20%20PHOTOS#page/n274/mode/1up)

1706 December 26 Jonathan's Livestock Brand (bottom)

( HTR v2 p317)

Constrain moulton  
on account of every man's Ear on the Ear 26 December 1706  
Jacob Brown a Crop on the Right Ear 209  
Ben. Moulton one Left Ear a Half Crop on the under Side and  
one on the Right Ear a Half Crop on the under Side and a Noch under the same  
Simon Dow a Crop on the Left Ear and a Noch under and on the Right  
Ear two Nochis under it  
Henry Dow a Crop on the Near Ear of two Nochis under the Right Ear  
and a Slitt into the End of the same Ear all above Record 26 December 1706  
Sam'l Dow the Left Ear a Crop & a Slitt into the same Ear and two Nochis  
under the Right Ear  
Jonathan Prescott a Half crop under the Right Ear and above the Left Ear  
one a Crop on the Left Ear and a Slit on the Right Ear not at the End  
Brown want in each Ear

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1707 Feb. 1 Hampton Grants Jonathan Lots (incl. 2<sup>nd</sup> West Division WD); He Signs His Mark

where of James Hood and Jonathan Price  
granted one house and the second month  
given the 119 lott in number and one shillings  
second next division being the 5th lott in  
being between them they dooee that Jonathan  
is to have the 119 lott and James Hood is to have  
54 lott of witness our hands  
witness  
James Hood  
Jonathan Price  
his wife

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(HTR v.1 p.136)

1707 Feb. 2 Jonathan Granted 1/3 Share In Common (bottom corner) In Tense Town Meeting

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(HTR v2 p157.5)

1. All a meeting of the Commoners the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day of Feb: 1707	2. 1 <sup>st</sup> ly: Major Joseph Smith was chosen moderator for that meeting
2. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ly: Sam <sup>th</sup> Dow was chosen Clerk for that meeting <sup>Gab<sup>rd</sup> Dow deput<sup>ed</sup></sup>	3. 3 <sup>rd</sup> ly: voted for the Commoners <sup>note</sup>
3. 4 <sup>th</sup> ly: Voted that this is a legal meeting of the Commoners	5. 5 <sup>th</sup> ly: noted that no man profounds for to vote at this meeting with out he havewright in the Common with out payen at fine of five shillings <sup>note</sup>
6. 6 <sup>th</sup> ly: noted that Ephraim marston and Sam <sup>th</sup> Dow being lots layed and appointed forth layd out Joshua wingitt and	7. 7 <sup>th</sup> ly: noted that John Knobell is to have one share in the North Division of them shares that was Left for the Commoners that is he is to have that share that is next to them that he bought <sup>note</sup>
8. 8 <sup>th</sup> ly: Francis Ingrinis is denied speaker at this meeting	9. 9 <sup>th</sup> ly: noted that the Common be divided according to the opinion of the Committee this Day Read in the meeting doing the first article that is
10. 10 <sup>th</sup> ly: that wod divide the Common as followeth <sup>and</sup> that first Eighty Rods with in of former division be reserved as a Common for future Commonership after which one mile on long <sup>4</sup> toward both north and south be Equally divided into two divisions each person to have his proportionable share in the north and south Division Reserving one mile from the sea wod of also the distance betw <sup>en</sup> Galfary out line and the <sup>new</sup> line parting the provinces until further order whose names are under written do note for it <sup>note</sup>	11. 11 <sup>th</sup> ly: John Smith 1 share
John Johnson 1 Timothy Hiltzland 1 share	12. 12 <sup>th</sup> ly: Nath <sup>th</sup> wams 1/2 share
John Gambon Jr. 2 Daniel Lanyon 1	13. 13 <sup>th</sup> ly: Borya Shaw 1/2 share
Joseph Dow 1 Peter moulton 2	14. 14 <sup>th</sup> ly: Ephraim marston
James Stanyer 1 John Smith 2	15. 15 <sup>th</sup> ly: Robert roard
Grace Green 1 Sam <sup>th</sup> Koby 1	16. 16 <sup>th</sup> ly: Gab <sup>rd</sup> Dow
Tho: Ward 2 David Johnson son 1	17. 17 <sup>th</sup> ly: Samuel marston
Zona Hiltzland 1 willis Hiltzland 3 quai.	18. 18 <sup>th</sup> ly: Daniel Tilton
John wright 1/2 Long: Lanyon 1	19. 19 <sup>th</sup> ly: William Gambon
John wright 1/2 John Smith Jr. 1	20. 20 <sup>th</sup> ly: Timothy Blake
Joseph Cope 1 Sam <sup>th</sup> Smith 1	21. 21 <sup>th</sup> ly: Francis Page
Robert Drake 1/2 John Knobell 1	22. 22 <sup>th</sup> ly: Abra Cole
Rich: Samborn 1 James parkins 1	23. 23 <sup>th</sup> ly: Mosh: Gambon
Hum <sup>th</sup> parkins 1 Robert moulton 1	24. 24 <sup>th</sup> ly: Stephen Gambon
Tho: Davis son 1/2 Joseph Chase 1	25. 25 <sup>th</sup> ly: Jonathan moulton
Abra: parkins 1 1/2 Sam <sup>th</sup> Tilton 2	26. 26 <sup>th</sup> ly: Joshua wingitt 1 share
Tho: Lout 1/2 Grace Green 1	27. 27 <sup>th</sup> ly: Stephen Page 1
John Backford 2/3 James philbrick 1	28. 28 <sup>th</sup> ly: Zona: Taylor 2
John Stanyer 3/4 Sam <sup>th</sup> Dawson son 1	29. 29 <sup>th</sup> ly: John Hiltzland 1/2 share
John Johnson 1/2 John moulton 2	30. 30 <sup>th</sup> ly: John godfrey 1
John Smith Taylor 1 Grace & Cate marston 1	31. 31 <sup>th</sup> ly: Abra: Drake 2
John Lout 1/2 Joseph philbrick 1	32. 32 <sup>th</sup> ly: Phil: Bolton 1
John moulton Jr. 1/2 John Radmer son 1/2	33. 33 <sup>th</sup> ly: Joseph Green 2
John Radmer son 1/2 Christ: young 2	34. 34 <sup>th</sup> ly: Zona: wadsworth 3/4
John Radmer son 1/2 Christ: scott 1	35. 35 <sup>th</sup> ly: Bony: Gambon 3/4

1707 Feb. 6 Jonathan Buys 3/4 Share in Cow Common

(a.k.a. "Quarter Mile" -- see map page 45) From Thomas Ward.....

(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds Book 13 Page 175-6)

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Ward of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire in New England farmer forts in Consideration of five pounds in money to me paid by Jonathan Prescott of the same town and Province wherewith I do acknowledge my self fully satisfied & contented and thereof & Quoate part & parcel therof do fully acquit & discharge the said Jonathan Prescott his heirs Execut<sup>t</sup> & Dominis<sup>t</sup> & assigns for ever by these presents I have given Granted bargained sold alionsd Enforfeited Confirmed and Delivered unto him the said Jonathan Prescott unto his heirs Execut<sup>t</sup> & Dominis<sup>t</sup> & assigns for ever half a share or eight in the Hampton Cow Common not yet divided together with all y<sup>t</sup> Rights pruidentes & commoditys appurtenant thereto in the same

Thomas Ward has here unto set my hand and sealed the sixth day of february anno Domini seventeen hundred & four or eight in the sixth year of Queen Anne her & reign over Great Britain &c.

Signed sealed & Delivered

In presence of us

Thomas Ward

Seal

<https://nhintlaredo.fidlar.com/NHRockingham/AvaWeb/#!/search>

.....As Reported 1707/8 March 1

(Hampton Town Records HTR vol.3 p.2; excerpted)

March 1, 1707

A true and perfect list of the shares of the Cow Common  
that have bin alienated from one to an other and now  
entred to the Right owners of it doe appear to the Committee  
chosen to Exam the Right either by gift purchases will or  
inheritance the said Committee being chosen the 23 february  
1707 by the proprietors

excerpted

first granted to the world Jonathan Prescott three quarters of a share in the Cow Common and Robert half a one bought of Thomas Ward and one quarter of an Tuck bought of Balthazar Bamboon that was william moulton

[https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3\\_201802/page/n7](https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3_201802/page/n7)

## 1708 June 17 Jonathan Land Grant ("Second West Division"), Now Kensington

(HTR v.2 p.161; excerpted)

At a Publick meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Holders Commoners of the L 161\*  
Towne of Hampton this 17 day of June 1708  
by Mayor Joseph Smith was chosen moderator for the sayd meeting.

136: voted that Jonathan Prescott is to have the 139: j 161<sup>xx</sup>  
sheare in the Second west Division in which Sam: Chapman  
Senior relinquished his Right into the Towne upon  
the Condition that he is to paye Fifteen pound money  
to the Town and forty Shillings to Mr: John Cotton - 40/-  
144: voted that the Select men for the time being from time

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## 1709 September 8 Jonathan Daughter Marah Born

(HTR v2 p194)

marah the daughter of Jonathan  
Prescott by Elizebeth his wife  
was born the 8 day of September  
1709

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1708 May 14 Jonathan Granted Lot (#145 rightcorner) "In 2nd West Division" (HTR v.2 p.361)

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in 2nd west Division lay out in 1708 and granted out		for the 14 day of may 1708			
John Whitlock	19	Morris Hobbs son	62	Richard Taylor	24
Josiah moulton	26	William Swaine	109	Sam: Collier Cur.	15
Bartholomew Elkins	16	Bonja: Shaw	10	Robert Drake	91
John Readman son	123	Joseph Swett	137	Tim: Hillyard	48
Tho: Louitte	38	James Perkins	102	Go: son Jo: moulton	36
5 son Hen: moulton	93	Tho: Louitte	142	He: son et al: parkins	60
Abijah roothole	39	Josiah & wife Samborn	30	Sam: marston	110
John goud	107	Simon Knowles	96	Henry & others parkins	55
John salmon	34	Bonja: Shaw	2	Sam: Shaw	72
John moulton	3	Daniel Tilton	11	Ephraim marston	91
John Johnson	25	Joseph moulton	180	Tho: Ward	108
John Dow	92	Bonja: Shaw	127	Mr: John Smith	120
John Field and his widow Hollows	18	H: John Smith	46	Morris Hobbs Cur.	85
John Cope	130	Bonja: moulton	12	Peter Ward	76
Abijah Bachelder	83	David Wedgwood	126	Abra: Drake	29
John godfrid	44	Jonathan Wedgwood	80	Chris: Page	13
John Dow	116	John goud	114	John Stanhope	7
John Ford	32	Robert moulton	51	Jonathan moulton	54
Brown	47	John son H: Samborn	73	John: moulton H: Cope	50
curtis John Smith	52	Sam son H: Samborn	8	Jacob Brown	17
John & wife H: Samborn	41	Major Joseph Smith	6	widow felow	75
John Samborn	49	Joseph Cope	97	Isaac anton	136
Marshall	22	Capt Jacob graham	99	Jacob Brown	112
House	135	John & Caleb Tonker	70	Abra: parkins	63
House	144	John godfrid	122	John Hobbs	12
House	128	Chris: Fletcher	48	Tho: Louitte	82
House Dow	31	Abra: green	129	me: marston	68
Stanyon	9	Stephen Johnson	113	James Standish	20
Chalk	35	Daniel Lamony	74	nath: Bachelder	14
House	140	John Dearborn Jr.	111	Chris: Page	62
House Dow	27	Joseph Taylor	104	John Fullor	88
House	146	Isaac marston	98	Joseph Philbrick	72
House	77	John Black	106	Abra: Colie	97
House Stanyon	64	Sam: Robey	1	John moulton	54
House	119	Jonathan Field	101	John Smith Taylor	138
House Lamprey	132	Jonathan moulton	66	Sam: Chapman	139
Readman son: marston	124	Abijah Cope	134	Bonja: Louitte	89
Drake	28	John Tucke	71	nohemiah H: Cope	103
Taylor	143	Dinah marston	33	Robert Drake	97
House Page	23	Joseph Bachelder	21	Jonathan out/ cut	
Dearborn	73	Tho: mud	4	one quarter of 145	
John Samborn son	86	Joseph moulton	125	William Swaine	105
John Kilbrick	90	Jonathan marston	79	James Johnson	167
John Knowles	115	Henry: parkins	42	John Macfie	61
John Abber	96	John H: marston	131	John Cope	133
John Dow	118				
John Cope	94				
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1709 June 17 Jonathan, Father James, And Brothers On Tax- Rolls In What Was  
Hampton Falls Parish

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day of June seuenteen Hundred and nine and in the Eight year of her  
Majesties Reigne Queen Anne &c.

JOSEPH SMITH Justice of peace  
JOSEPH CHASE  
JOHN GOUE } Select men  
JOHN SAMBORN sen: }  
SAMUEL MARSTON assesers  
SAMUEL SHAW

THE PROUINCE RATE 1709.

	lb.	s.	d.	Hen: Green	0	2	2
Nath <sup>ll</sup> Bachelder Jun:	1	7	11	En: John Goue	1	9	0
Benja: Bachelder	0	13	3	Eben: Goue	0	18	3
Jona: Bachelder	0	3	3	Jacob Green Ju:	0	3	1
Benja: Browne sen:	1	6	3				
willi: Browne	0	9	9	Timothy Hilyard	0	16	10
Benja: Browne Jun:	0	7	2	Benja: Hilyard	0	11	8
Timothy Blake sen:	0	16	2	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Heley	0	13	0
Phile: Blake	0	10	5	M <sup>l</sup> : Hucky	0	3	7
Moses Blake	0	5	4	Nehemiah Heath	0	7	6
Iserall Blake	0	5	2	Ephra: Hoyt	0	6	1
Timothy Blake Jun	0	3	3	Stephen Hussey	0	3	7
Jacob Basford	0	10	1	John Heaton	0	5	4
James Basford	0	2	8				
				Edman Johnson	0	11	2
Capt Joseph Casse	0	14	0				
John Clifford	0	12	9	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Leuitt	0	0	11
Jacob Clifford	0	6	6	Daued Larance	0	1	4
Iserall Clifford sen:	0	13	0				
Iserall Clifford Jun:	0	5	6	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Malsher	0	10	6
Zacke: Clifford	0	2	2	John Mordin	0	6	1
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Casse	0	4	0				
Benja: Cram sen:	0	10	1	Bonus Norton	1	5	1
Tho: Cram	0	9	4	Jonathon Nason	0	7	7
John Cram sen:	0	18	5				
Benja: Cram Jun:	0	12	0	Jonathon Philbrook	1	2	6
John Cram Jun:	0	6	4	Thomas Philbrook	0	3	2
Joseph Cram	0	9	9	Chris: Potle	0	15	2
Tho: & John Chasse	1	14	10	James Prescott sen:	0	15	5
Jabez Colmon				James Prescott Jun:	0	13	0
Philip Chasse	0	2	2	Jonathon Prescott	0	14	8
Mehetabell Dow	0	4	10	John Prescott	0	8	1
	0	9	8	Nath <sup>ll</sup> Prescott	0	7	6
					0	15	0

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.....Same as appears in Warren Brown's History of Town of Hampton Falls p.329

PROVINCE RATE AND INVENTORY.

PROVINCE RATE, JUNE, 1709.

WILLIAM BROWN, constable. Order from selectmen. This included all south of Taylor's river, including what is now Kensington and Seabrook. William Brown lived upon the south road in Kensington.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nathaniel Batchelder, Jr.....	1	7	11	3	6	6
Benjamin Batchelder.....		13	3	1	10	3
Christopher Pottle .....	15	2		1	17	4
James Prescott, Sen.....	15	5		1	17	4
Jonathan Prescott .....	14	8		17		0
James Prescott, Jr.....	13	0		1	10	3
John Prescott.....	8	1		17		8
Nathaniel Prescott.....	7	6		16		4

<https://archive.org/stream/historyoftownofhooobrow#page/n327/mode/2up/search/%22james+prescott%22>

**1710 April 26 Jonathan, Father James, And Brothers "Desents" - Vote Against -  
Proposal "That The Town is of Unanimous mind"..... It Passes Anyway (now what?)**

(HTR v.2 p.165)

At Accounting of the Inhabitants of the Towne of Hampton  
the 26th April 1710

At Amoring of the 26th April 1710  
1<sup>ly</sup> Major Joseph Smith is chosen moderator for the said meeting  
2<sup>ly</sup> The Towne have agreed for to paye the Charge of  
m<sup>r</sup> John Cotton funerall by way of Rate <sup>noted</sup>  
3<sup>ly</sup> The Towne have voted that Mistrius Cotton shall have  
The improvement of the parsonage place for this Summer  
Till the full for the use of her self and family voted  
4<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Towne is of Unanimous mind for to hir  
A minister for the Towne <sup>noted</sup>  
Deacons John Samborn Nath<sup>l</sup> wadan Jun<sup>r</sup> Tim<sup>r</sup> Blake son<sup>r</sup>  
Joseph Sweet son<sup>r</sup> Jacob Stanyan william Brown Joseph Tilton  
Daniel Tilton Moses Blake Garell Blake Zack<sup>r</sup> Clifford  
James Brafull Jun<sup>r</sup> Jacob Bafford Nath<sup>l</sup> Tilton Nath<sup>l</sup> wadan John  
Nedimian Heath Dorus norcum Nath<sup>l</sup> Backelder Garell Clifford son<sup>r</sup>  
Benja<sup>r</sup> Hifield John Brafull Robert New son<sup>r</sup> Garell Gorden James  
Brafull son<sup>r</sup> John; Hifield Joseph Samborn Jonathan Precent<sup>r</sup>  
John Eaton Enok Samborn Cap Jacob Gorden Sam<sup>l</sup> Hely  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Samborn Benja<sup>r</sup> Crum Jun<sup>r</sup> Ensign Daniel Tilton  
Dow wadan Caleb Shaw  
5<sup>ly</sup> Diacon Samuel Shaw Diacon Elkins and John Tuck are  
Chosen for to see if that they can procure a minister  
for this Towne <sup>noted</sup>

**1710 May 13 Jonathan, et. al., Petition For A Minister In “Hampton Falls”**

(NHSP v.3 pp.428-30)

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PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

[1710.]

[P. 322.] Province of New Hampshire.

At a Council and General Assembly held  
at Portsmouth, on Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of May, 1710, by adj<sup>t</sup>, ante meridiem.

Present,

His Excellency, &c.,

Major W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan, } John Gerrish, }  
Robert Elliot, } Esqs. Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow, } Esqs.  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Weare, } John Plaisted,

The petition of her Majesty's subjects of the south part  
of Hampton, commonly called Hampton Falls, was read  
at this Board, and is as followeth, viz:

To his Excellency, Joseph Dudley, Esq., Govern<sup>r</sup> and Com-  
mander-in-Chiefe, in and over her Majesty's Province of the  
Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, and the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the  
members of the Council and Representatives convened together  
in General Assembly, now sitting.

The Humble address and petition of her Majesty's Loyal and  
dutiful subjects belonging to the south part of Hampton in the  
said Province of New Hampshire, commonly called Hampton  
Falls, most humbly sheweth,—

That your petitioners having formerly laid before y<sup>r</sup> Excellency  
and Council the great want of having one settled among us on  
our side of the Town in the work of the ministry, and now by  
God's good Providence have obtained the Reverend Mr. Theophi-  
lus Cotton among us in that work, and God by his awful stroke  
of Providence having removed, by death, the worthy and Rev-  
erend Mr. John Cotton\* to our great lamentation, we do there-  
fore pray, That we may be set off from the town from being at  
any charge as to procuring and maintaining a minister there; and  
that we may have power given us to make a tax or Rate, from  
time to time, as shall be for the support of our minister with us,  
and that each part of the Town maintain their own minister;  
That as we have been at equal charge according to our estates as  
[P. 323.] to purchasing and holding the parsonage at the Town,  
that now we may have some land appointed and laid out for a  
parsonage, as convenient as it may be had for the Falls side, ac-  
cording to the worth of our part of the town; That the Bounds

\* Rev. John Cotton died March 27, 1710, aged 57 years.—N. H. Reg.

may be settled between each part of the town, Tailor River being so crooked that it parts the inhabitants belonging to our meeting-House, we pray that the River may be the bounds up to the place called Garland's Mill, and from thence to a Bound tree betwixt Exeter and Hampton, at a place called Ass Brook, or that a committee of indifferent men may be appointed to come upon the place, and they to settle the Bounds, as in your wisdom shall be directed, and as in duty bound we shall ever pray.

John Brown,	Joseph Emons,
Joseph Tilton,	Timothy Hutchins,
Robert Reed,	Benj. Hillyard,
Edward Wilkins,	Israel Clifford, Jr.,
Israel Black,	Jacob Clifford,
John Swain,	John Morginn,
Caleb Swain,	Nath <sup>l</sup> Weare, Jr.,
Peter Weare,	Samuel Shaw,
Joseph Sweet, Jr.,	Caleb Shaw,
John Drown,	Dan <sup>l</sup> Tilton,
John Gove,	Tho. Philbrook,
John Cass,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Healy,
Benj. Perkins,	Nath <sup>l</sup> Bacheler,
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Gove,	James Prescot, sen.,
Thomas Cram,	Isaac Green,
John Cram,	Benj. Fifield,
W <sup>m</sup> Brown,	Enoch Sanburn,
Joseph Cass,	Benj. Bacheler,
Ephraim Hoit,	Moses Blake,
David Tilton,	Joseph Sanburn,
Jacob Stanyan,	Philemon Blake,
Sam <sup>l</sup> Melcher,	Jonathan Fifield,
Zacharah Clifford,	W <sup>m</sup> Shippert,
John Sanbun,	John French,
Jonathan Prescott,	Caleb Perkins,
John Eaton,	Timothy Blake,
Nath <sup>l</sup> Prescott,	Jethro Tilton,
John Cram.	Bonos Norton.

<https://archive.org/details/provincialpapersoobout/page/429>

Ordered that a copy of this petition be sent to the select men of Hampton, to attend his Excellency, Council and Representatives, on Monday next, in the afternoon, that there may be a full hearing betwixt all parties relating to the contents within mentioned.

Cha. Story, Secretary.

13th May, 1710.

Sent down to the House of Representatives for concurrence. Consented to by the House of Representatives.

Theodore Attkinson, per order of the House.

Adj. till Monday 10 of the clock. Ante Meridiem.

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1710 August 16 Jonathan Military Expedition (possibly to Fryeburg, Maine)

(excerpted; note Cram)

REPORT

MILITARY HISTORY—1628 TO 1861.

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OF THE  
ADJUTANT-GENERAL  
OF THE  
STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 1, 1866.  
VOL. II.  
  
CONCORD:  
GEORGE E. JENKS, STATE PRINTER.  
1866.

the preceding winter, for fear of their destruction by worms, he, with a party, were engaged in peeling them, when they were ambushed by the Indians, who killed Hilton and two others at the first fire. Two were taken prisoners and the others escaped. They could make no resistance, as their guns were useless from a storm. A company of one hundred men went in pursuit of the enemy the next day, but found nothing but the mangled bodies of their neighbors. The 16th of August a company consisting of ninety-one men, under the command of Capt. John Gilman, went in pursuit of the enemy. This roll was as follows:

*"A Muster Roll of the Company in Her Majesty's Service under the command of John Gilman, Captain, which marched August 16, 1710, and was in the service five days. By order of the Honorable John Usher, Esq., Lieut. Governor in and over Her Majesty's Province of New-Hampshire:"*

	£	s.	d.
John Gilman, Captain, . . . . .	1	5	0
Samuel Marston, Ensign, . . . . .	0	10	5
Nathaniel Weare, " . . . . .	0	10	5
John Light, Clerk, . . . . .	0	7	6
David Gilman, Serg't, . . . . .	0	7	6
James Leavitt, " . . . . .	0	7	6

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ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S REPORT.

	£	s.	d.
Benjamin Cram, " . . . . .	0	5	0
Jonathan Prescott, " . . . . .	0	5	0
Reuben Sanborn, " . . . . .	0	5	0
Talw Clifford, " . . . . .	0	5	0

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=nyp.33433081902300&view=1up&seq=77>

# THE ORIGINAL

## 1710 August 16 Jonathan (#47, left corner) On Military Expedition

(NHSArchives)

A Master Roll of the Company for Her Majesties Service										
Under the Command of John Gillman Captain which marcht August 16-1710 and was for the service five days										
1 John Gillman -	Capt	1	1	0	0	Francis Page -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0	By order of the Honourable	
2 Daniel Master -	Ensign	00	10	5	99	Thomas Master -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0	John Yester Esq; & Capt General	
3 Daniel Master -	Ensign	00	10	5	60	James Lock -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0	In and over her Majesties province	
4 The Winc -	Ensign	00	07	06	61	Abraham Brown -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0	of New-Hampshire	
5 John Light -	Clock	00	07	06	62	James Fuller -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0		
6 David Gillman -	Sergt	00	07	06	63	John Wedwood -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0		
7 Alexander Waggone -	Sergt	00	07	06	64	John Jennings -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0		
8 Benjamin Dole -	Sergt	00	07	06	65	Thomas Brown -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0		
9 Joseph Elton -	Sergt	00	07	10	66	Joseph Palmer -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0		
10 Abraham Johnson -	Corp	00	07	10	67	Henry Dow -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0		
11 Jonathan Phipps -	Corp	00	08	10	68	Hezekiah Gilchrist -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0		
12 Benjamin Collins -	Corp	00	08	10	69	Isaac Gilchrist -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0		
13 Israel Smith -	Corp	00	08	10	70	Hezekiah Gilchrist -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0		
14 Eleazar Webster -	pilot	00	08	10	71	Sam Batchelor -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0		
15 Joseph Young -	pilot	00	08	10	72	Zacariah Gilchrist -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0		
16 Benjamin Taylor -	Scut	00	08	00	73	John Gacland -	sent	0 0 0 9 0 0		
17 Thomas Tony -	Scut	00	08	00	74	Willm Moulton -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
18 Isiah Hall -	Scut	00	08	00	75	Peter Johnson -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
19 Thomas Goring -	Scut	00	08	00	76	Edmund Rau -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
20 Thomas Robeson -	Scut	00	08	00	77	Jacob Moulton -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
21 Nathl & Holton -	Scut	00	08	00	78	Thomas Hairy -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
22 John Jones -	Scut	00	08	00	79	Thomas Gilchrist -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
23 John Lichler -	Scut	00	08	00	80	Eleazar Gilchrist -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
24 John Lichler -	Scut	00	08	00	81	William Cobine -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
25 Edward Sifeids -	Scut	00	08	00	82	Thomas Gilchrist -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
26 Jonathan Clark -	Scut	00	08	00	83	Joshua Gilchrist -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
27 John Child -	Scut	00	08	00	84	Isaac Gilchrist -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
28 Israel Smith -	Scut	00	08	00	85	Richard Goy -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
29 Saml Green -	Scut	00	08	00	86	John Hermon -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
30 Abraham Morgan -	Scut	00	08	00	87	Samuel Wally -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
31 Richard Morgan -	Scut	00	08	00	88	Samuel Berry -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
32 David Robeson -	Scut	00	08	00	89	Francis Han -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
33 Jonathan Robeson -	Scut	00	08	00	90	William Leavey -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
34 Thomas Powell -	Scut	00	08	00	91	James Berry -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
35 John Harris -	Scut	00	08	00	92	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
36 Daniel Elton -	Scut	00	08	00	93	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
37 Carter Gillman -	Scut	00	08	00	94	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
38 Andrew Glidden -	Scut	00	08	00	95	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
39 James Fletcher -	Scut	00	08	00	96	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
40 Daniel Young -	Scut	00	08	00	97	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
41 Thomas Collet -	Scut	00	08	00	98	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
42 Daniel Lany -	Scut	00	08	00	99	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
43 Philip Lewis -	Scut	00	08	00	100	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
44 Thomas Cary -	Scut	00	08	00	101	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
45 Samuel Bracken -	Scut	00	08	00	102	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
46 Ben: Green -	Scut	00	08	00	103	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
47 Jonathan Paynt -	Scut	00	08	00	104	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
48 Rubin Samson -	Scut	00	08	00	105	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		
49 John Clifford -	Scut	00	08	00	106	John Gillman -	Scut	0 0 0 9 0 0		

19 Aug 1710: This Master Roll is to follow

# 1712 Jonathan In Scouting Party With Brothers John And Joshua

(New Hampshire State Papers NHSP vol.14 p.11)

[1-16] [Roll of a Scouting Party under the command of Capt. James Davis, 1712.]

A Muster-Roll of the Souldiers Under My Comand In A Scout 1712

MENS NAMES	Time of Service ws. ds.	Wages Due £   s   d	MENS NAMES	Time of Service ws. ds.	Wages Due £   s   d
<i>From Major Smiths Compa:</i>					
James Lock	3	18	Robert Mason	2	12
Benjamin Dow	3	18	Jacob Garland	2	12
Robert Moulton	3	18	Daniel Lampree	2	12
Joshua Brown	3	18	James Perkins	2	12
Stephen Sanborne	3	18	Moris Leavit	2	12
Job Chapman	3	18	John Dearborne	2	12
Israel ffolsam	2 2	13 8	Tho : Leavit	2	12
Jonathan Dearborne	2 2	13 8	Ed <sup>w</sup> Tuck	2	12
Henry Dow	2 2	13 8	James Perkins Jun <sup>r</sup>	2	12
John Garland	2 2	13 8	John Towle	2	12
Joseph Brown	2 2	13 8	Edward Palmer	2	12
John Wedgwood	2 2	13 8	Tho : Elkins	2	12
Simon Dow	2 2	13 8	James Leavit	2	12
Joshua Tole	2 2	13 8	Henry Dearborne	2	12
John Blake	2 2	13 8	Rich <sup>d</sup> Simons	2	12
Tho : Dearborne	2 2	13 8	William Moulton	2	12
Ed <sup>w</sup> Shaw	2 2	13 8	William Vitoom	2	12
Nath : Drake	2 2	13 8	Samuel Brown	2	12
Abraham Libee	2	12	Stephen Page	2	12
John Douse	2	12	John Smith	2	12
Joseph Moulton	2	12	Tho : ffuller	2	12
Josiah Moulton Jun <sup>r</sup>	2	12	James Perkins	2	12
David Moulton	2	12	<i>Capt<sup>r</sup> Greens Compa:</i>		37 12
Timothy Dalton	2	12	Jona : Prescot	3	18
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Dearborne	2	12	Nath : Hely	3	18
Rich <sup>d</sup> Taylor	2	12	Jona : Gove	3	18
Abraham Moulton	2	12	Bonus Norton	3	18
Anthony Crosbee	2	12	Thomas Ward	3	18
Icabod Robey	2	12	Robert Roe Jun <sup>r</sup>	2 2	13 8
Ebenezer Dearborne	2	12	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Cliford	2 2	13 8
Dearborne	2	12	David Tilton	2 2	13 8
William Lane	2	12	Daniel Beane	2 2	13 8
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Batchelder	2	12	Jacob Brown	2 2	13 8
William Stanford	2	12	John Eaton	2 2	13 8
Joseph Lock	2	12	John Green	2 2	13 8
Edmond Rand	2	12	John Prescot	2 2	13 8
			Joshua Prescot	2 2	13 8
			Sam <sup>ll</sup> Melcher	2 2	13 8

1712 Jan. 5 Jonathan Buys First West Division Lot 314 From Ward (see maps p.45, p.119)  
(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds, Book 13 Page 183-4) <https://nhintlaredo.fidlar.com/NHRockingham/AvaWeb/#!/search>

KNOW all MEN by these presents of I: Thomas Ward of Hampton in the  
Province of New Hampshire in New England Farmer for him Consideration of ten Pounds  
pounds in Current Money of New England to me in hand paid by Jonathan Project  
of the same town & Premises the receipt whereof I do acknowledge & my  
self fully satisfied Contented and payed have given granted bargained  
and sold and by these presents do fully freely and absolutely give grant  
bargained sold allion Enforfe and Confirm unto him the said Jonathan  
Project and unto his Heirs Exec<sup>t</sup> & Domini<sup>t</sup> & assigns a certain Part of  
of land being situated and lying within the townships of Hampton above  
said containing a certain acres of the same more or less which part of land  
is half share or lot in the first West Division so called and is the three  
Hundred & fourteenth lot in Number in said Division the land is bounded  
as in a margin of p: Bridgeman doth Jonathan Project North and the Common  
South together with all the Rights Privileges and appurtenances unto  
the same belonging or in any kind appertaining with all timber trees and  
Wood being upon the same to have & to hold the above mentioned  
314: half lot in the first West Division and all other the premises

184 Bounding unto him the said Jonathan Project and unto his heirs Exec<sup>t</sup>  
Domini<sup>t</sup> & assigns to his and their own proper use & benefit & Schole  
forever without the least let hindrance Detriment or Ejection  
of me the said Thomas Ward my heirs Exec<sup>t</sup> & Domini<sup>t</sup> & assigns or any  
other person or persons claiming by from or under me by any lawfull  
ways or means whatsoever or by virtue of any other Grant or Right  
from said town whatso ever In witness hereof the said Thomas Ward have  
unto set my hand & seal this fifth day of January in the year of our Lord  
1712/13  
year of Queen Anne her Reign over Great Britain & anno Domini

1712/13  
Signed sealed & delivered  
in presence of us WITNESSES

Joseph Smith  
Elizabeth Smith

Province of New Hampshire January 5: 1712/13:  
Thomas Ward above named personally appeared  
and acknowledged the above instrument to be  
his voluntary act & deed before me

Joseph Smith Justis Record:

Entered & Recorded the foregoing Deed

1714 March 14 Jonathan Granted Lot 89 In "Third West Division"

(HTR v.2 p135.5, excerpted; date from p. 136)

in 5	the third West business	Lots drawn in 5 <sup>o</sup> original lots
Right		
in 5	Joseph Taylor - 117	William Cole - Colgate Craft - 45
Right	John Richard Taylor - 118	William Palmer - John Palmer - 02
Left	Jonathan Taylor - 126	Jacob Green - 00
in 5	William Cadot - 99	C. Poston - 00 - 94
of 100	Benjamin - 93	Mary Hixson - The Louis - 00 - 113
Left	Jonathan - 100	John Mayne - 82
		William Francis - 00 - 100
		John - 00 - 100
		Will Palmer - John Palmer - 72

[https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS\\_201802/page/n170](https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS_201802/page/n170)

**1717 March 4 Jonathan Chosen Constable For Hampton Town Meeting**  
(Neither Hampton Falls nor Kensington Townships established yet)

(HTR v.2 p.172)

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On a meeting of the freeholders of the Town of Hampton in the 7<sup>th</sup> of March  
1716/7

1. Col: Joseph Smith was chosen Moderator

2. Then chosen to serve in General Assembly, ordered by warrant from the Sheriff of  
this province viz: Col: Joseph Smith Major: Peter Years and Jr: Tuck

3. Then chosen Jr: Tuck Town Clerk & Sworne accordingly

4. Then chosen to the office of Constables for the Town for this year were Jonathan  
Elkins and Jonathan Prescott

5. Who chosen for Select men were Jr: Tuck Lt: Taber Dow, Wm Sanborn Jr.  
Donon Sam: Shaw & Capt: Joseph Swett to ord: & c. 1716/7

[https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS\\_201802/page/n240](https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS_201802/page/n240)

1722/23 Jan. 5 Jonathan Sr. Land-Gift-Letter Lovingly Written For Son Jonathan Jr.;  
Signed With "his mark and seal"

(witnessed Feb. 28 1729/30, entered June 4, 1730)

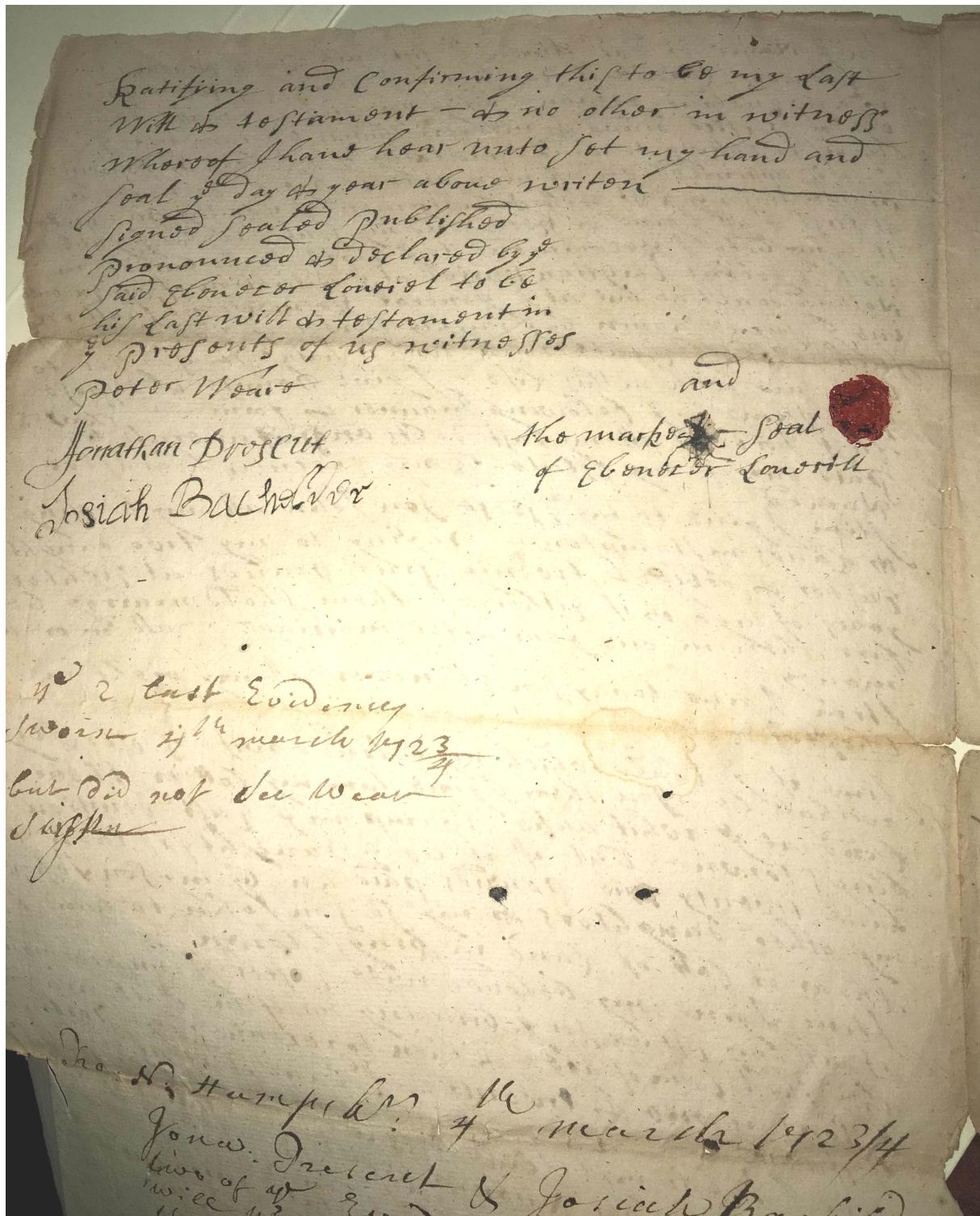
(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds, Book17 Page 198)

Prefcutt - To all people to whom these presents shall come I: Jonath: Prefcutt sen: do  
Prefcutt - Send Greeting know ye if I: y: s: d: Jonath: Prefcutt of Hampton In: Pro: c:  
of N: Hampsh: In: N: Engt: yeoman for & In Consideration of y: love &  
good will & affection wh: I have & do bear to my loving son Jonath:  
Prefcutt of y: same town & Pro: c: afores: have given & grant: & by these  
p: lents do freely Clearly & Absolutely give & grant unto y: s: d: Jonath:  
Prefcutt his heirs Exe: or Adm: two halfe shares of land as it was  
laid out In: y: first West Division In: Hampton afores: Bound on y: th  
North w: land y: was formerly Zachariahs Cliffords & on y: South w:  
y: land of y: s: d: Jonathan Prefcutt Jun: & on y: West w: y: highway & on  
y: East on y: land of In: Gram to NAWL & to hold & above y: two  
shares of land w: all y: p: mises & Appurten: & p: rileys belonging to  
y: land to him y: s: d: Jonath: Prefcutt his heirs Exe: or Adm: from this  
time & forever w: out any manner of condition let or hinderance by  
me y: s: d: Jonath: Prefcutt sen: me my heirs Exe: or Adm: In Witness  
w: of I have hereunto set my hand & seal this first day of Janu: 1722  
one thousand seven hundred & twenty two 22 & In: y: eight year of y:  
Reign of our sovereign Lord George by y: grace of GOD of great  
Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of y: faith & - - -

Sign: Seal & D: Pro: of New Hampsh: Jonathan E: Prefcutt sen: Seal  
In: p: f: c: of y: above named Jonath Prefcutt his mark & seal  
Sam: Heeley p: sonnally Appear: y: 28 day of feb: 1729/30 & Acknowledeg:  
Wm: Heeley his hand & seal & above written Instrum: to be his free &  
voluntary act & Deed before me Peter Deare Just: of peace - - -  
Enter: & record: according: to Josh: Peirce Record  
for Orig: y: 4: of June 1730

<https://nhintlaredo.fidlar.com/NHRockingham/AvaWeb/#!/search>

1723-4 March 4 Jonathan (probably senior)\* As Witness To A Will  
(not his signature - he marks) (New Hampshire State Archives NHSA, Concord)



\*While the records distinguish his father James Senior from James Junior, unfortunately the Jonathans are not so recorded. So, as their active civic years overlap, we can only presume which is which.

## PROVINCE RATE AND INVENTORY.

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INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS, MARCH 18, 1726-7.  
224 POLLS.

	Polls.	Houses,	Cultivated acres,	Oxen,	Cows,	Horses,	Hogs,
Jethro Tilton, blacksmith.....	2	.....	52	12	4	12	4
Benjamin Hilliard.....	.....	10	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Jeremiah Prescott.....	1	1	4	.....	.....	1	.....
Elisha Prescott.....	1	1	4	.....	.....	1	1
Jonathan Prescott.....	1	1	10	2	12	1	1
Nathaniel Prescott.....	2	2	9	2	12	1	.....
Thomas Dearborn.....	2	2	9	2	1	1	.....

<https://archive.org/stream/historyoftownofhoobrow#page/n330/mode/1up>

(EXCERPTED)

## 1732-3 Feb. 28 Hampton Falls Tavern Petition, Both Jonathans And Many Prescotts!

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*Petition of the Inhabitants of Hampton Falls for a tavern  
license.*

1732-3. To his Excellence Jonathan Belcher Esq. Capt General and Commander in Chief in and over His Maj<sup>ts</sup> province of New Hampshire &c and to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Counsell and House of Representatives conveaned in Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly.

The humble petition of us y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers Inhabitants of Hampton falls parish most humbly sheweth,

That for three or four years last past wee have had Sundry Divisions and parties made which has cost much distraction and trouble amongst y<sup>e</sup> people of this parish upon y<sup>e</sup> account of y<sup>e</sup> tavern. The hous formerly Bult by Co<sup>l</sup> Peter Weare

Samuel Healey	Jonathan Prescott
Nath <sup>l</sup> Healey	Jonathan Row
Jonathan Green	Thomas Leavit
Jonathan Bachelder	Elisha Prescut (?)
Joseph Tilton	Elisher Prescut Jr
John Cram	Benj Prescut
Jonathan Cram Jr	Edward Tuck
John Brown	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Blake
James Moulton	Nathaniell Prescut
Samuel Matshun	Joseph Draper
John Matson	Richard Nason
Jacob Garland	Beniamin Sanbon
John Green	James Prescut
Jacob Stanyan	Jeremiah Green
Thomas Gill	Jonathan Prescut
Amos Cass	Benj <sup>a</sup> Sweet
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Emons	Benj. Hiland
Benjamin Green	Tim <sup>o</sup> Hiland
Jedjah Blake	Calub Browne
Nathan Clough	Thos. Philbrick
Joseph Cass	Jeremy Gove
Jonathan Cass	Jonathan Dow
Sharon Blake	Jn <sup>o</sup> Harvey
Jon <sup>a</sup> Philbrick	John Gove, Jr
Benj <sup>a</sup> Pearkins	Calub Swan
Thomas Cram	

In Coun. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 1732-3.

Read and unanimously Voted to be dismissed.

R. Waldron Secry.

**1736 March 8 Jonathan Sr. (or Jr?) Co-Leads Petition For A New Parish (Kensington)  
Prescott Memorial asserts it was Sr. who did this petition, and that Jr.  
was a Hampton Falls Selectman; therefore, Jr. was likely involved.**

(Note the petition had been accidentally "consumed to ashes"; NHSP v.12)

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[4-230] [Petition relative to making a new Town of the  
West Part, 1736.]

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq<sup>r</sup> Governour and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesties province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> to the Honourable his Majesties Council of the s<sup>d</sup> province, and the Representatives in gen<sup>ll</sup> Assembly convened at Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the s<sup>d</sup> province, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March an: Domini 1736/7

The Petition of Joseph Wadley Ezekiel Dow John Batchelder and Jonathan Prescut John Wear most humbly Sheweth

That at the Sessions of the gen<sup>ll</sup> Assembly of this province in the month of May—A: D: 1735. Your Petitioners with Sun-dry others to the Number of about Sixty who were Inhabitants of the West part of Hampton Falls parish did prefer a Petition to Your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly praying that they might be Set of a Seperate Parish by themselves, which Petition was acted upon at the last Sessions of the assembly after a full hearing of the s<sup>d</sup> Parish by their Attornies, on the one part and Your Petitioners and their other Companions on the other part and there it was ordered by Your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly that a Committee Should be appointed to goe upon the Spot and make enquiry into the affair, to Survey the whole parish and to See whether it was big enough for Two, and if they found it was big enough for Two then to prefix a Line and to make a return to the gen<sup>ll</sup> Assembly on the third day of their Sessions, and your Petitioners fur-ther Shew that Soon after the passing of that order both the Petition and order are Consumed to ashes in the burning of the Secretaries house in whose keeping they were, and that notwithstanding they were So consumed and destroyed yet the Committee who were appointed have proceeded and acted thereon, and it being now the time appointed for them to make their return thereof, they are accordingly attending for that end, your Petitioners therefore pray that your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly will please to accept thereof and to confirm the Same, so your Petitioners Shall ever pray &c

Jonathan Prescut      Joseph wadleigh      John Bachelder  
John Weare      Ezekiel Dow

1736 April 23 Hampton Falls Selectmen & Petitioners (Presumably One Or Both Jonathans) Appear At Board (Governor & Council); Petitions Then Sent "down To The House"

(NHSP v4 p811)

Pro : N. Hamp<sup>r</sup>. At a general assembly held at Portsm<sup>o</sup> by adjournm<sup>t</sup> Tuesday Apr. 23<sup>d</sup> 1736.

Present in Coun.

His Excellency Jon <sup>r</sup> Belcher Esq <sup>r</sup> Gov <sup>r</sup> .		
Sha. Walton	Eph Dennet	
Geo. Jaffrey	Josh <sup>r</sup> Peirce	
Joth Odiorne	Jos. Sherburne	
Henry Sherburn	Ellis Huske	
Rich <sup>d</sup> Waldron	Theodore Atkinson	

[P. 117.] The petitioners for a new Parish at Hampton Falls and the Selectmen of said Falls Parish as respondents appeared at the Board & were heard upon the said Petitions and then the said Petitions and Papers relating thereto were sent down to the House of Representatives by the Secretary.

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Hart Esq. as Guardian to the Children of George & Robert Almory preferred a Petition praying leave to sell part of Messuage belonging to his wards which was read and sent down.

John Meader and others preferred a Petition praying for a special act to Dock an Intail &c. read, sent down by the Secretary.

Adj<sup>a</sup> til tomorrow, 10 o'clock A. M.

1736 April 23 Later That Day, They Appear Before The House Of Representatives Who Then Form A Committee To "View" The Area For Themselves

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wherein the Province may be concerned, and that said Committee lay all their Letters & Answers before the House of Representatives from time to time as the Assembly shall sit

April 28, 1736. Voted. James Jeffry Cler. Ass<sup>m</sup>

The Inhabitants of the West End of Hampton was heard, the Selectmen of Hampton Falls being present, & voted there be a Committee to view, &c

Mr. Treasur<sup>r</sup>. Sherburn being ask<sup>t</sup> by the House for the Bonds of £1730 w<sup>ch</sup> was in his keeping to deliver them to the House, his answer was, that they were put into his hands by the vote of the upper house and he was directed not to deliver them.

After the reading the above Petition & John Meader's Petition and votes entered on them the house adjourned to Sathursday, 24<sup>th</sup> A. M.

[Then the Journal from which the two leaves are missing is continued.] FAR.

## 1736 April 24 The Next Day, The House Meets With The Hampton Falls Delegation

(NHSP v.12 p.133)

[4-231] [Committee appointed to fix Division Line, and Report of said Committee, 1736.]

Prov of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> April 24—1736  
In the House of Representatives  
The Inhabitants of the West end of Hampton was heard on

theire Petition for a Precinct, according to the day Limitted  
Last Sessions and the parish of Hampton falls was present by  
their Selectmen and both parties heard—

And voted that there be a Committee

Entered on the Back of the Petition viz

The within Petition was Read & the Petitioners and the select men of Hampton falls parish was heard thereon by their Councill

The House having Considered thereon

Voted Capt Edward Hall and m<sup>r</sup> Samuell Palmer be a Committee of this House to Joyne with Such as the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Councill Shall appoint, to Go and view Hampton falls parish, and See if at present its Reasonable there be a new precinct Set off,

and if in their Judgment it oft So to be, Then to view the  
precinct and Consider what district may be Set off to them  
having regard to the Quaintiy & Qually of the Land, and to  
make return to the next Gen<sup>l</sup> assembly on the third day of their  
Sitting and Each party pay half the Charges of Said Committee

James Jeffry Cle<sup>r</sup> ass<sup>m</sup>

the same day a Mess<sup>a</sup> Came down that the Board had Concurr'd with the above Vote and that Theodore Atkinson & Joseph Sherburn Esq<sup>t</sup> were appointed a Committee by the Board to Joyne the Committe of the House on the affaire of Hampton falls—

**1736 April 24 The Provincial Council Agrees With House Vote On The "John Prescot" Petition; they either misspelled Jonathan or mean his brother John.**

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PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

[1736.]

Pro. N. Hamp. At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly, Saturday Apr. 24  
1736

Present in Coun.

Geo. Jaffrey	Esqs.	Eph. Dennet
Joth Odiorne		Josh <sup>a</sup> Peirce
Henry Sherburne		Jos. Sherburn
Rich <sup>d</sup> Waldron		Ellis Huske
	Theo. Atkinson	

A message to the Board by Mr. Peirce w<sup>th</sup> Meaders Petition & vote thereon as follows:

By y<sup>e</sup> same message the Petition of John Prescott & others w<sup>th</sup> a vote thereon as follows:

A message to the Board by Capt. Walker w<sup>th</sup> a vote for calling in y<sup>e</sup> residue of y<sup>e</sup> £15000.

A message to the House pr Mr. Atkinson to acquaint them the Council had agreed with their votes on Meaders & Prescott's Petitions.

Adj'd til monday next 11 o'clock.

**1737 March 29 Jonathan's Petition For New Parish Of "Kensington" Is...  
....GRANTED!**

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[4-230]

[*Action of Legislature.*]

Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 1737. In the House of Representatives The Petitioners of the within Petition was heard (the opposite parties not appearing) & voted: That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and the Petitioners be set of a Distinct Parish according to the Bound prefixt In the Returne Committe; and that they have Liberty to Bring in theire Bill accordingly

James Jeffry Cl<sup>r</sup> Ass<sup>m</sup>

In Council March 30: 1737

Read and Concurred Rich<sup>d</sup> waldrone Sec<sup>r</sup>

Same day assented to J. Belcher.

[An act passed, April 1, 1737, incorporating the territory asked for into a "distinct parish by the name of *Kensington*." The following September another act was passed slightly changing the bounds.—ED.]

It is amusing to note the reaction to a 1732 petition for the eventual parish of Kensington, cut from western Hampton Falls with their gracious objections - and eastern Kingston, who objected "Becase we are sensaball it will Rueine our town"! (spoiler alert, it didn't)

(NHSP v.9 pp.344-5)

In the House of Representatives May 9<sup>th</sup> 1732

The within Petition Read & ordered that the Parrish of Hampton Falls & the town of Kingstown be served with a copy of this Petition, & ordered to appear the Second day of the next fall sessions to shew reasons if any they have why the prayer of petition should not be granted. This to be at the charge of the Petitioners

James Jeffry cler. Assm.

In Council May 13<sup>th</sup> 1732

Read and Concurrd

R. Waldron, Secry.

I assent to the above vote.

May 15: 1732.

J. BELCHER

In the House of representatives March 1<sup>st</sup> 1732-3

The within petition being read & the pleas and allegations on both sides being heard & considered tis Voted that the sd petition be dismissed

George Walton, Clr. protem.

### *Objections thereto.*

At a Leaugual Meetting of the freeholders of Hampton New parish held this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1732.

1<sup>st</sup> Nathaniel Weare Esq. Chosen Moderator for said meetting

3<sup>dy</sup> Left Ichabod Robie Chosen a Commite man to Appear at the General Court to give in Reasons why the West part of the new parish in Hampton may not be set of to the East part of Kingstown to be a parish.

4<sup>ly</sup> Capt Nathaniel Healy Chosen a Commite man for the Eand above said.

Hampton February the 22; 1732-3

A True Copie as attest

Joseph Tilton Clerk. *pp.*

At a Lagull town meting held agust y<sup>e</sup> 28 1732. 2<sup>ly</sup> Voted that we wont not set of the Est part of ouer town for a district or parish to Joyne with y<sup>e</sup> West part of hampton and that there was not one voter appared for y<sup>e</sup> sating them of att said meeting the Rason is Becase we are sensaball it will Rueine our town.

3<sup>ly</sup> Captn Johathan Samborn and Mr Ebenezer Stevens are chosen to Represent y<sup>e</sup> town at our Generall Cortt to give in our Rasins Why we did not grant the petitionars thare petition for to be set of for a district or parish at y<sup>e</sup> Est End of our Town.

A True Copy by

Mr John Swett Town Clerk.

1737 May 9 Jonathan Sr. (Jr. is now Kensington Selectman) Votes No At  
Hampton Falls Parish Meeting.

He votes yes to put a new roof on the meeting house.... then votes no to pay for it!  
Truly, a man ahead of his time.

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 176-7

At a Leagal meeting of the free  
holders or other Inhabitance of Hamp-  
ton falls Parish held this ninth Day of  
may 1737  
1 by Deacon Weare Chosen moderator  
for sd meeting  
2 by Voted to put a new Roof on this meet-  
ing hous  
3 by Josiah Bachelder Abner Sanburn &  
Capt Tethro Tilton Chosen a Commetty  
to agree with a workman or workmen  
to build a new Roof and put on to this  
meeting hous voted  
4 by Voted that the Commetty now chosen  
to agree with a workman or workmen  
to put on a new Roof & that they be  
further impoued to agree for Spouts  
to carry away the water from  
the Eves & for plastering under  
the beams & for windows & La-  
bords & all things to put the meet-  
ing hous in good Repar as the said

excerpted

177  
on the Inhabitance of this Parish to  
be Collected & paid for the Defraying  
Saiia Charges

Jon<sup>a</sup> Prescott

Benj<sup>a</sup> Cramt

Capt Joseph Tilton

Desents against  
the Second vote

1747 Jonathan, And Other Prescotts, Petition Against A Bridge Proposal  
(Jonathan Jr. is deceased by this time)

(NHSP vol.9 pp 582&3)

1747 *Petition of Inhabitants of Kensington against the bridge.*

To his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Capt<sup>n</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Province of New Hampshire, To the hon<sup>ble</sup> his maj<sup>ties</sup> Council and Representatives in gen<sup>ll</sup> Assembly Convened.

Humbly Shew the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Parish of Kensington in s<sup>d</sup> Province That we having heard of Petitions being preferred to your Excellency and hon<sup>rs</sup> for building a bridge Cross the river at or near Stratham & New

Market ferry, the building whereof we humbly apprehend will greatly obstruct the trade and fishery of this Province as also deprive many of his Majesties Loyal Subjects of their Just rights and Priviledges.

Wherefore we most humbly pray your Excellency and Hon<sup>rs</sup> that the prayer of s<sup>d</sup> Petition may not be Granted.

Jeremiah Fogg	George Conner
Abraham Baclder	Moses Bleak
Hezekiah Swain	Joseph Tilton
Simon Batchelder	Robert Row
Benjamin Prescott	Abraham Samborn
Nathanael Prescott	Joseph Wadleigh
Abraham Haskell	John Been
Abraham Moulton	Joseph Wadleigh jun.
Jethro Bachelder	Jonathan Prescott
David James	Jonathan Fellows
John Shearburne	Samuel Clifford
Benjamin Row	Isaac Fellows Jun.
Caleb Shaw	Abner Fellows
Jonathan Hutchinson	James Prescott
Johnson Haskell	Henry Samborn

At this point, one wonders just where is Jonathan living at this time. He co-signs the Hampton Falls petition in 1736; Kensington becomes a separate Parish on April 1, 1737 - yet he is voting at a Hampton Falls Parish meeting on May 9, 1737. He signs the above petition as an "inhabitant of Kensington" in 1747. His wife's will in 1755 states he was last a resident of Hampton Falls.

1755 January 6 JONATHAN PRESCOTT, Sr., R.I.P., Age 80  
Jan. 24 His wife Elizabeth writes Will (is Cram's child in it?) and  
apparently dies by May 30 the same year. (NHSP vol35 p211)

ELIZABETH PRESCOTT 1755 HAMPTON FALLS

In The Name of God Amen This Twenty forth Day of January  
anno Domini 1755, I Elisabeth Prescut of Hampton falls  
Widow Relect of Jonathan Prescut of Said Hampton Falls in  
The province of Newhamps<sup>r</sup> yeoman Deceased being but Weak  
of body \* \* \*

firs I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elisabeth Garland  
and to her heirs one Gound Silk Crape one homspun Coat  
& my Stays and Three Puter Plates

I<sup>tm</sup> I Give to my Granddaughter Abigail Blake Daughter to my  
Daughter Abigail Lock Deceased Two Puter Platers & Three  
Puter Plates and one Silver Spoon

I<sup>tm</sup> I Give to my Granddaughter Mehetabel Wier Daughter  
to my Daughter mary Hilyard Deceased Two Puter Platers and  
Three Puter Plats

I<sup>tm</sup> I Give unto my Son Jeremiah Prescut Ten Shilings old  
tener to be paid to him in one year after my Deceace by my Ex-  
cutor here after named

I<sup>tm</sup> I Give to my Son Joseph Prescut Ten Shilings old tener  
to be paid to him by my Executor here after named in one year  
after my Deceace

Itim I Give unto The Legal heirs of my Son Jonathan Prescut  
Deceased Ten Shilings old tener to be Paid in one year after  
my Deceace by my Executor here after named.

It<sup>m</sup> I Give unto my Grand Daughter Sarah Prescut Daughter

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to my Son Benjamin Prescut one fether bead and furniture be-  
longing to The Same Emeadathly after my Deceace

It<sup>m</sup> I Give unto Ruth Robey That have Lived With me for  
many years Past one fether bead which belong to The Trundel  
Bead Stid

I<sup>tm</sup> I Give unto my Son Benjamin Prescut and to his heirs for  
Ever all The Remainder of my Estate both within Dors & with-  
out (viz) all my Stock of Cattle Sheep horse, and Swine and all  
my movables Within Dors not allreadey Disposed of in This  
my Last Will he to Com into Porsission There of at my Deceace

Lastly I Do here by make and ordain my Son Benjamin Pres-  
cut to be Sole Executor \* \* \*

her  
Elisabeth X Prescut  
mark

[Witnesses] Jonathan Green, Samuel Prescut Jr<sup>r</sup>, Theo: Smith.  
[Proved May 30, 1755.]

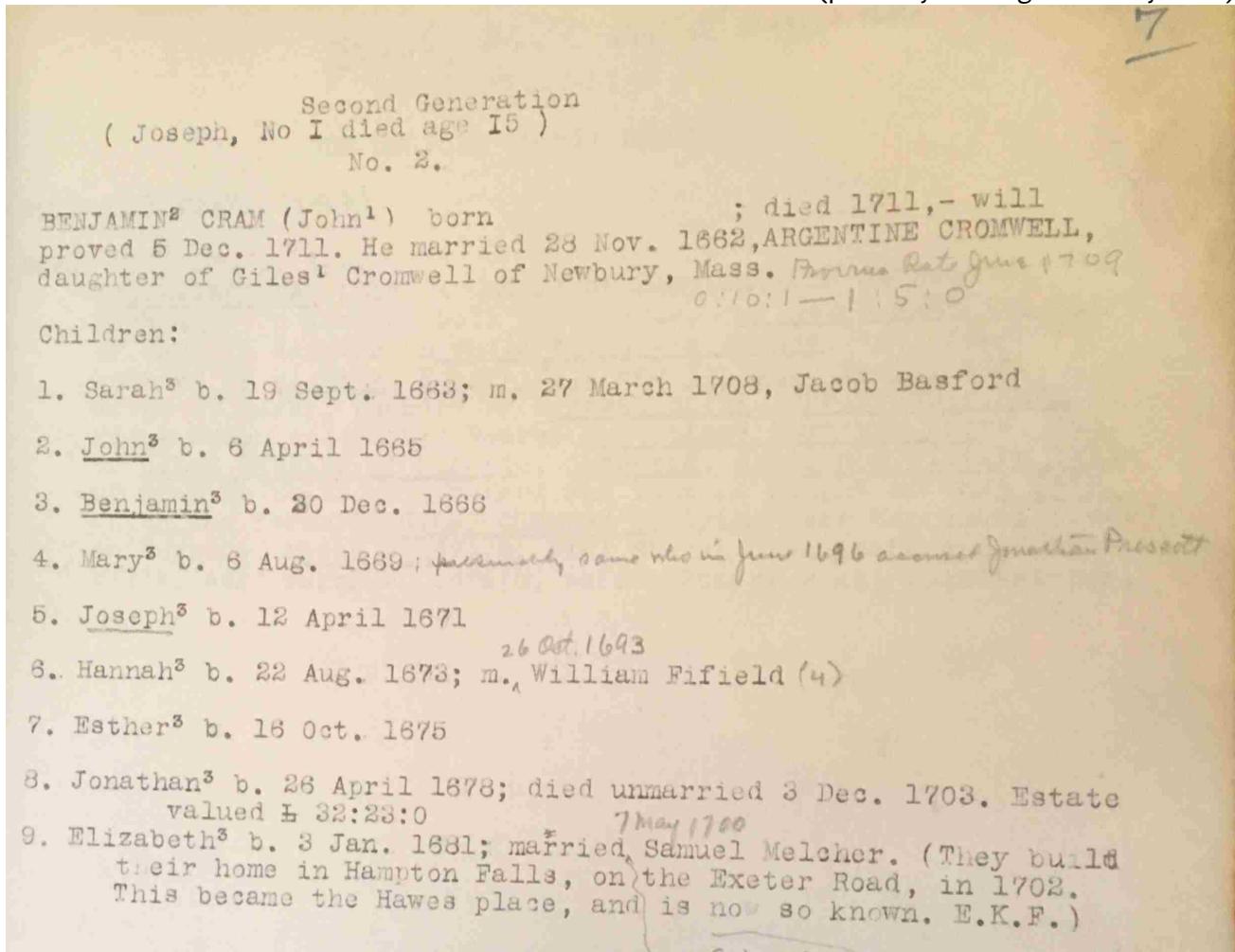
[Warrant, May 31, 1755, authorizing Nathaniel Healey,  
gentleman, and Jacob Green, yeoman, both of Hampton Falls,  
to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, June 5, 1755: amount, £403. 15. 0; signed by

## After-thought

The Mary Cram family; reference to the 1696 Jonathan Sr. accusation is penciled in. Remember, Jonathan Jr. is Jonathan Sr.'s first child - born in 1696. If Mary is his biological mother, did Jonathan Sr. and wife "adopt" him?

(probably Kensington Library Vault)



....and wouldn't that make some of us Prescotts today, HER descendant as well?

THE HISTORY  
OF  
KENSINGTON  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

1663 to 1945

(282 Years)

With a Family and Homestead Register  
of the Pioneer Families, Early Settlers and  
Permanent Citizens of the Town

Written by  
**REV. ROLAND D. SAWYER**

Born in Kensington  
January 8, 1874

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The Record of near three hundred years  
This Book reclaims,  
And puts in print, what else would be  
Forgotten names.

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Kensington's long ridges of high ground offered fine dwelling spots for the hardy young people in Hampton and Hampton Falls, who must move out from crowded homes and build their own homes. These hills would quickly dry out and be ready for spring planting of rye, buckwheat, beans, corn, pumpkins and turnips the first year after the trees were cut.

Thus family parties were organized to come here from Hampton and Hampton Falls, help the prospective young pioneer clear his land and get ready for his new home. Tradition survives of how these parties with their oxen came here, bringing as food their rough bread and large kettles of bean porridge and corned meats. They worked for three or four days, sleeping in the open around the blazing fire at night, and when they returned the trees were cut, a house was framed, perhaps boarded in as well, great logs snaked into piles for burning, and next spring the young husband with his own oxen, a gift or payment for work from his father, and the young wife with her cow, the gift from her father, would come here and start life.

Soon a rough road from house to house over the hills would be made and from that on back to the old plantation of Hampton and extending on to nearest neighbors at Kingston. These roads followed the three ridges, Red Oak, Stumpfield and Horse-Hill.

### Forbears of the Pioneers

Hampton families sent the major part of the settlers here between 1702 and 1732, though a few Salisbury and Exeter families contributed a few and one man came down from Kingston.

The List of Families whose young men and maidens came here with zeal to conquer Nature, build their own homes, self-reliant at an early age, like young birds pushed from their nest they were forced to build their own careers, is as follows:—

FROM HAMPTON FAMILIES

Batchelder	Fellows	Johnson	Prescott
Blake	Fogg	Lamprey	Rowe
Brown	Gove	Locke	Sanborn
Cass	Green	Longfellow	Smith
Chapman	Griffin	Melcher	Swain
Chase	Herdie (Hardy)	Page	Tilton
Clifford	Hilliard	Palmer	Tuck
Dow	Hobbs	Perkins	Ward
Dearborn	James	Puddington (Purington)	Weare

FROM SALISBURY FAMILIES

Connor	Eastman	Knowlton
Cluff (Clough)	Evens	Pike

From EXETER FAMILIES, Cram, Draper, Graves, Wadleigh

From KINGSTON, Hutchins (Hutchinson)

List of Householders 1732

*John Fuller*, the one man born in old England who came here, and was here in 1670, either died or moved away. He came from England in 1635 with William Fuller of Hampton. I do not know what was his relationship to William. He was born in 1620. He was the first white settler and was probably a single man; I find no record of his marriage or being a father.

Jonathan Prescott, Nathaniel Prescott and Deacon John Prescott, and William Brown, were the earliest of the settlers who made permanent homes here. The Prescotts were sons of James, who built at "Apple Crest" in 1667.

Jonathan had the farm where Dr. Clifford G. Rounsefell now lives; Nathaniel had the farm where George A. Prescott now lives; and Deacon John had the farm where Melvin Armstrong now lives.

The date that the other householders, who were here in 1732, located in Kensington I have not traced out. I give their names below, with date of birth and marriage, and it is probable that they all came here upon their marriage, or very soon after.

The "New Hampshire State Papers" preserve the petitions signed in 1732 by 60 householders in what is now Kensington, and state that these are in addition to Quakers, who were not asked to sign. The List gives the 60 names, with the Quakers whose names are not on the list. It is the result of long and careful research, and is, I think, a complete list of men possessing homes and living here in 1732. In some instances two householders lived together in a double house.

THE HOUSEHOLDER	DATE BORN	DATE MARRIED	WIFE'S NAME
Batchelder, John	July 28, 1692	Dec. 30, 1714	Abigail Cram
Batchelder, Nathaniel	Feb. 19, 1690	Feb. 24, 1717	Sarah Robie
Blake, Hezekiah	Feb. 4, 1703	Jan. 7, 1725	Joanna Fellows
Blake, Moses	—	1682	Abigail Smith

Perkins, James	Mar. 17, 1696	Feb. 22, 1729	Shuah Nason
Pike, Joseph	—	Dec. 8, 1731	Sarah Thompson
Prescott, Jonathan	May 6, 1675	—	Elizabeth —
Prescott, Dea. John	Nov. 19, 1681	—	Abigail Marston
Prescott, Nathaniel	Nov. 19, 1683	—	Ann Marston
Prescott, Jonathan	July 16, 1696	Apr. 3, 1721	Judith Gove

### The Town's Third and Final Move for Independence

March 8, 1736, there was read in the Assembly, the petition of Jonathan Prescott, Joseph Wadleigh and John Batchelder of the North Road, and John Weare and Ezekiel Dow of the South Road, which related the facts of the previous year, of the fire, etc., and on behalf of the 60 original signers they asked the present Assembly to carry out the promises of the previous Assembly.

April 24 both House and Council voted in favor and a committee was appointed to report back its action as to bounds, etc. on Sept. 2, 1736.

### Kensington Incorporated a Separate Parish, April 1, 1737

1742 — Paid John Sherburn 16 shillings for mending Meeting House.

1744 — For some reason the year was a very hard one with the town — they voted to raise only 131 pounds, 6 shillings, 2 pence, and of this only raised 48 pounds for Mr. Fogg and 50 pounds for the province and spent nothing on roads or schooling.

1745 — Paid Jonathan Prescott for taking census, 10 pence.

(Jonathan Sr. at age 70? or Jr. at age 49?)

# 1737 April 18 A Jonathan Is Chosen As Selectman At First Meeting Of Kensington Parish (Probably Jr. at age 42; Sr. is 62)

(From Kensington Library vault)

at a general meeting of the freeholders of the parish of Kensington  
Holden in and for said parish on the eighteenth day of April 1737  
by Mr Richard Sanborn was chosen moderator for said meeting  
W Ezekiel Dow was chosen Clerk for said parish  
by Jonathan, present John Weare and James Perkins were  
chosen Select men

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## Boards of Selectmen

1737	Jonathan Prescut, John Weare and James Perkins
1738	Jonathan Prescut, Ezekiel Dow and Joseph Shaw
1739	James Fogg, Jonathan Dow and Samuel Page
1740	Robert Rowe, Nathaniel Dearborn and Ezekiel Dow
1741	Dea. Abraham Moulton, Ebenezer Brown and Jeremiah Eastman
1742	John Batchelder, Richard Sanborn and Nathan Clough
1743	Jonathan Dow, Philemon Blake and Samuel Page
1744	Hezekiah Blake, Jonathan Dow and James Fogg
1745	Jonathan Prescut, Samuel Clifford and Ebenezer Brown
1746	Edward Tuck, Josiah Brown and Jonathan Dow
1747	Benjamin Prescut, Samuel Page and Nathan Clough
1748	Lieut. Ezekiel Worthen, Ebenezer Brown and James Prescut

Could the Jonathans have taken turns as Selectmen?

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## First Annual Report of the Selectmen

Jonathan Prescut John Weare Jeams Perkins  
Served Select men for the parish of Kensington for the year 1737

The rates We rased	L S D
The ministers rate	121.10. 6
The provance rate	078.10. 4
The Gift rate	106.17. 8
	—————
	306.18. 6

Paid out	
The ministers rate	118.00.
the provance rate	052.08.
the Gift rate	100.00.00

## PRESCOTT CORNER, Kensington

(History Of Kensington, p.336)

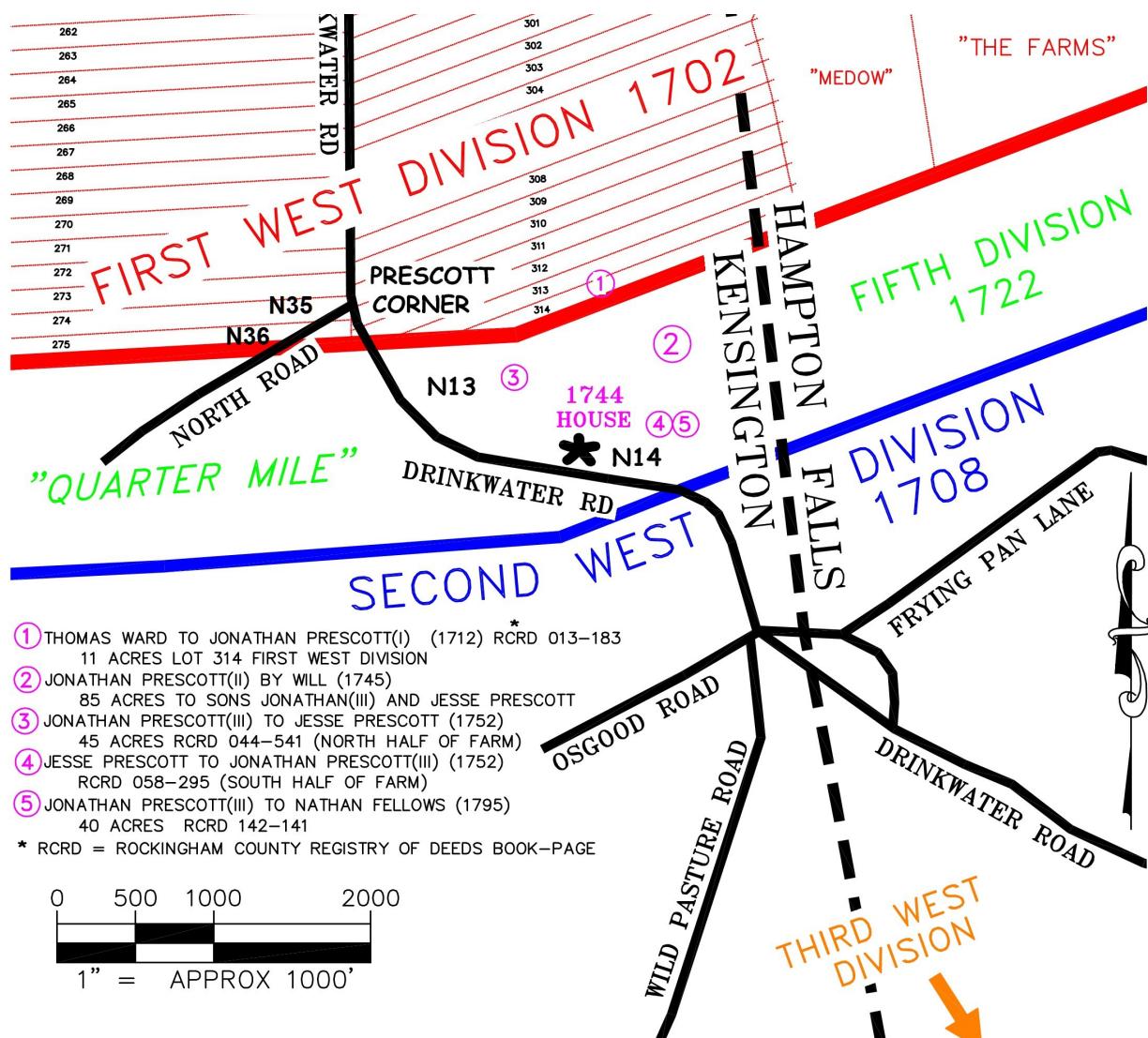
### NORTH ROAD HOMESTEADS

#### EARLY "DRINKWATER" SECTION

The section made up by the Second Land Division and the "Quarter Mile", running from Hampton Falls line, along the present road from old "Frying Pan Corner" to the present Brick School Corner, was called in early days "Drinkwater".

The big tract at the left as we enter from Hampton Falls was known as "Barren Plain" and "Burnt Swamp". It was settled by the Hampton Falls families of Sanborn, Tuck, Swain, Healey, Blake, Lovering, Prescott, Cilley, Haskell, Green, Longfellow, Perkins; and Joseph Wadsworth of Exeter, Hallowell, and Damariscotta, Maine.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Generation: With First, Second & Third Wests, & Fifth Division landgrants/sales, James Prescott's sons, Jonathan (N13), Nathaniel (N35), and John (N36) established their farms together at Prescott Corner at the intersection of 2 Roads: North & Drinkwater. Jonathan's Jr.'s farm and home is N14 & the "1744 house" he built.**



THIS MAP WAS PREPARED FOR DOUGLAS PRESCOTT BY A.W. BIAŁOBRZESKI, NHLLS #752. PLEASE VISIT HER INTERNET ARCHIVE RESEARCH COLLECTION AT: <https://archive.org/details/stockton752>

## From Sawyer's History Of Kensington (1946):

### P.34 The Prescott Brothers of Prescott Corner

Jonathan Prescott, Nathaniel Prescott and Deacon John Prescott, and William Brown, were the earliest of the settlers who made permanent homes here. The Prescotts were sons of James, who built at "Apple Crest" in 1667.

### P.339 Jonathan, Sr.

#### (N 13) PRESCOTT

House Gone

Jonathan Prescott, son of pioneer James, built beyond the home of [redacted] soon after 1708. Later the place was owned by a Jesse Prescott and also a Jesse Tuck.

### P.347 John

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#### (N 36) PRESCOTT-FELLOWS-PRESCOTT

Arthur and Helen A. (Prescott) Crowell

Deacon John Prescott, brother of Nathaniel and Jonathan, and whose wife, Abigail Marston, was a sister of Nathaniel's wife, built here between 1714 and 1720. His heirs sold to Jonathan Fellows April 22.

### P.346 Nathaniel

#### (N 35) PRESCOTT

George A. Prescott

Nathaniel Prescott, brother of John and Jonathan, whose wife was Ann Marston, built here between 1714 and 1720. He had no children

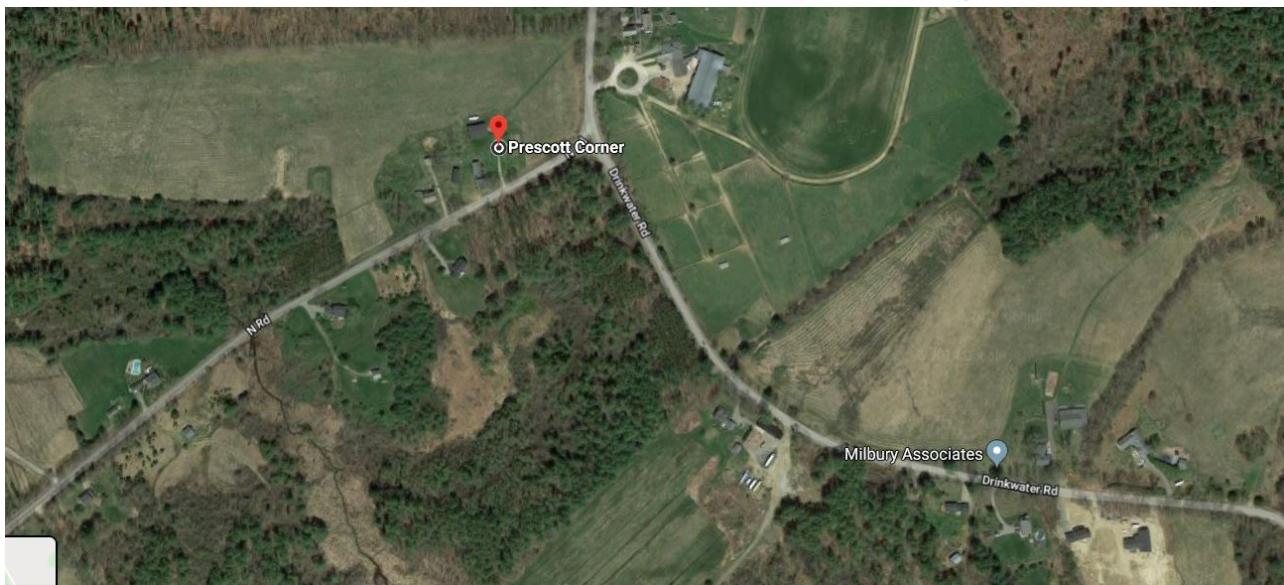
### P.340 Jonathan Jr. (Captain)

#### (N 14) PRESCOTT-FELLOWS-ROUNSEFELL "Rolling Ridge"

Dr. Clifford G. and Betsy (Clow) Rounsefell

Capt. Jonathan Prescott, son of Jonathan, built this house in 1744. In 1795 his son Jonathan sold to Nathan Fellows and moved to Gilman-ton. Nathan Fellows, Jr., born 1802, inherited the place; he died in

**PRESCOTT CORNER TODAY (The 1744 house is still there, visible to right of "Milbury" label)**



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ADDENDUM -

**1727 Oct. 27 An Official Order About The Horse Of Jonathan's Brother, Nathaniel!**

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p.60

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Province of } To Charles Tredwell  
Newhampshire } and Jacob Stanyen  
you are required  
in his Majsties name forthwith  
to to apprise a young bay mare  
with a brown nose and a little  
white in her forehead of Nathaniel  
Prescuts now Impounded by Capt  
Joseph Tilton according to your best  
skill and Judgment and for your  
so doing this shall be your sufficient  
warrant

dated at Hampton } The above named  
in & d<sup>e</sup> province of } Charles Tredwell &  
27<sup>th</sup> day of October } Jacob Stanyen was  
1727. Sworn to ye just  
appraisal of ye above  
s<sup>e</sup> mare before me

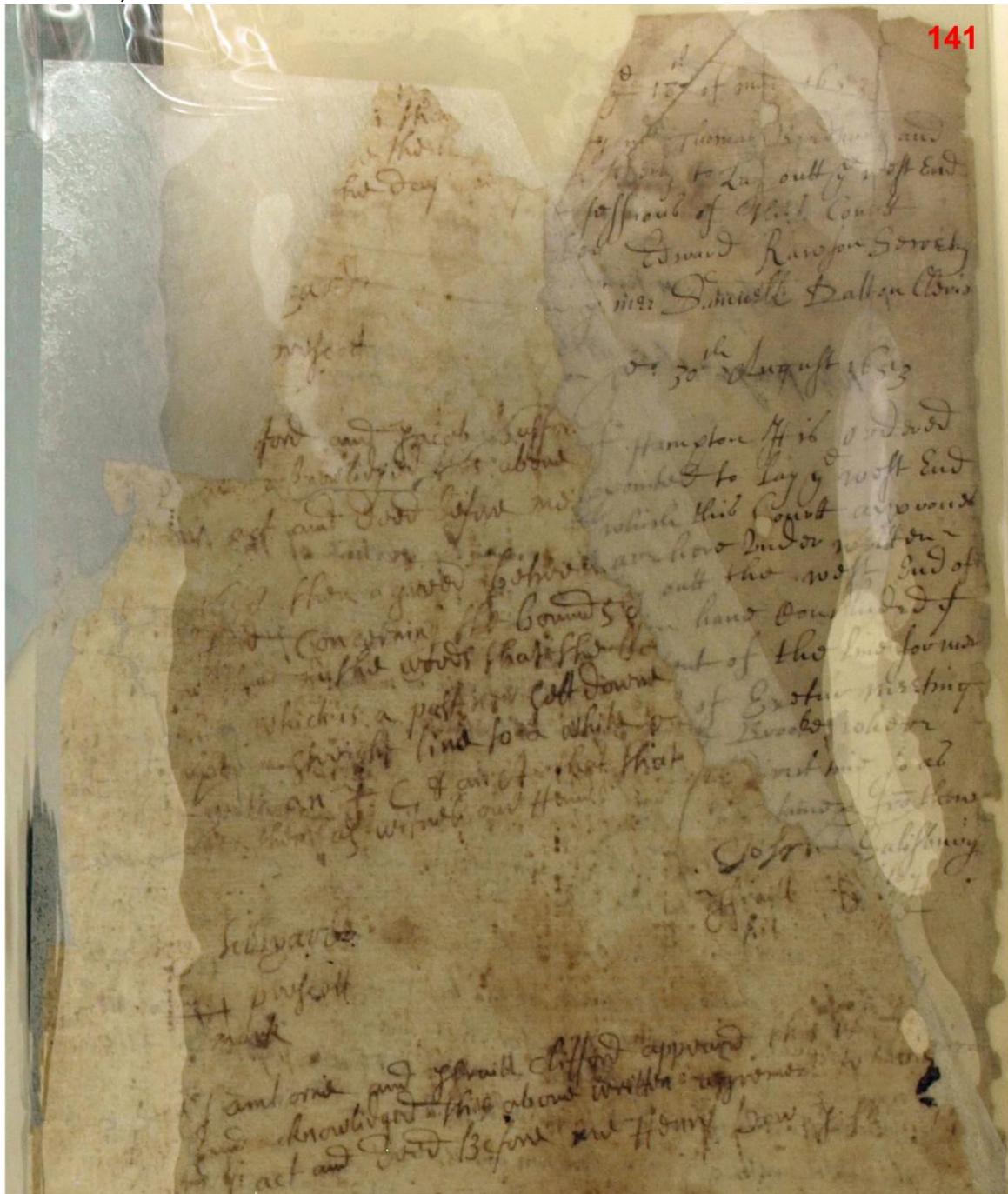
Peter Ware Justice of peace

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ADDENDUM - This undated co-mangled fragment from the **Hampton Town Records**

**Volume 1** is undecipherable except for a Prescott signature-mark at the lower left corner. It is probably Jonathan Sr. (possibly Joshua) as we find his horizontal triple-cross mark elsewhere. James Sr.'s mark is a vertical triple-cross.

The bottom seems to refer to a "Clifford" ("Israel"?) and is seemingly notarized by Henry Dow who was Hampton Town Clerk 1681-1707. Israel Clifford was the father of Joshua Prescott's wife, Sarah.



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## CAPTAIN JONATHAN PRESCOTT

### Son of Jonathan, 7/16/1696 – 1/18/1746

**His is a moving story of a local colonial leader who left his family and Kensington home behind to take part in the most ambitious venture of his time: the taking of the mightiest fortress in the Western Hemisphere. After the greatest American Colonial victory no one has ever heard of (it was in Canada), he made a desperate plea for his men's' relief....but it was he who needlessly died and was buried in a cold, remote, tree-less, windswept mass-gravesite on a spit of land....far away.**

PRESCOTT MEMORIAL (Pmem) page 235

*Issue of Jonathan Prescott (5-4) and Elizabeth ——.*

85. 1. (Capt.) **JONATHAN**, (111) b. July 16, 1696; m. April 3, 1721, Judith, dau. of Ebenezer and Judith (Sanborn) Gove, b. Dec. 18, 1700. He was for several years one of the selectmen of Hampton Falls. In 1744 he was appointed, by Gov. Benning Wentworth, captain of a company in the celebrated expedition, under Sir Wm. Pepperell, against Louisburg, on the Island of Cape Breton, the stronghold of the French in America. The fortress was captured, or capitulated, on the 17th of June, 1745. In the autumn following, Capt. Prescott was attacked with the typhus fever, of which complaint he died at Louisburg, on the 19th of January, 1746, leaving 12 children. Judith m. for a second husband, July 13, 1753, Richard Sanborn, son of Nathaniel and Rebecca Prescott, (4-3) cousin to her former husband. On Nov. 9, 1785, Judith, with the seven eldest children by Capt. Prescott, were baptized.

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**1696 JULY 16 – Jonathan's Birth Entry** (HAMPTON TOWN RECORDS [HTR] Vol. 2 P. 223, left corner)

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<p>Edward the Son of Ebenezer Born by Judith his wife was born 29 May 1696</p> <p>Stephen the Son of John Smith by Abigail his wife was born 26 May 1696</p> <p>Ruben the Son of Ebenezer Samuel Marston by Sarah his wife born 24 September 1696</p> <p>Bathsheba the Daughter of Samuel Robey by Sarah his wife was born 2 day of August 1696</p> <p>Jonathan the Son of Jonathan Prescott by Elizabeth his wife was born 16 July 1696</p> <p>John the Son of Timothy</p>	<p>Elizabeth the Daughter of Christopher Dutton by Hannah his wife was born 9 29 December 1696</p> <p>Abigail the Daughter of John Marston By Mary his wife was born 1696 or 97</p> <p>Hannah the Daughter of Samuel Page By Hannah his wife was born 31 October 1696</p> <p>Elizabeth 31 January 1696</p> <p>James the Son of Nathaniel Sanborn by Roberta his wife born 6 August 1696</p> <p>Rachel the Daughter of Caleb Shaw by Elizabeth his wife was born 27 January 1696-97</p> <p>Caleb the Twin brother to John</p>	<p>Child's Name <u>Jonathan Prescott</u> Date of Birth <u>16 July, 1696</u> Place of Birth Sex: <u>Male</u> Color: Living or Stillborn No. of Child, 1st, 2d, etc. Father's Name <u>Jonathan Prescott</u> " Birthplace " Color..... Age..... " Residence " Occupation Mother's Maiden Name <u>Elizabeth</u> " Birthplace " Color..... Age..... " Occupation Name and Address of Physician (or other person) reporting said birth</p>
<p>THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE</p> <p>I hereby certify that the above birth record is a correct transcript as required by Chap. 21, Section Law, 1902.</p> <p>Horace M. Lane, Clerk of <u>Hampton</u> Date <u>April 26, 1906</u></p>		

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Add or update family members using information from this record.

**(Capt) Jonathan Prescott**

Gender - Male

Born - 16 July 1696 in Hampton Falls, Hampton Falls, Rockingham, New Hampshire, United States

Died - 19 January 1746 in Louisbourg, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada

Timeline

Birth

16 July 1696 - Birth - Hampton Falls, Hampton Falls, Rockingham, New Hampshire, United States

Death

19 January 1746 - Death - Louisbourg, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada

## FAMILY MEMBERS

Parents &amp; Siblings

**Jonatha Prescott**  
(6 August 1675 - 5 Decem...)

**Elizabeth PULSIPHER**  
(4 December 1689 - INT...)

**1721 April 3 - JONATHAN MARRIES JUDITH GOVE**

History Of The Town Of Hampton Falls, Brown p. 129

**RECORD OF MARRIAGES.**

MARRIAGES CONSUMMATED BY REV. THEOPHILUS COTTON,  
TAKEN FROM A RECORD IN HIS OWN HANDWRITING.

1721, January 6, Joseph Norton and Abigail Gove.

April 3, Jonathan Prescott and Judith Gove.

May 15, Jethro Batchelder and Dorothy Sanborn.

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Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 92

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Jonathan Present and Judith  
Gove were Joyned in marriag the  
third day of April 1721.  
Jude Present daughter to Jonathan  
Present which he had by Jude his wife  
was born the 24 of July 1722.

Jonathan Prescut Son to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born the 27 of October 1724

Meriam Prescut daughter to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born the 18 of December 1726

Teese Prescut Son to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born the 16 of February 1728/9

Suee Prescut daughter to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born the 30 of July 1725

Abigail Prescut Daughter to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born ye 8 day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1731

Elizabeth Prescut Daughter to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born ye 14 Day of March 1733

Jonathan Gove Prescut Son to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born ye 13 Day of March 1735

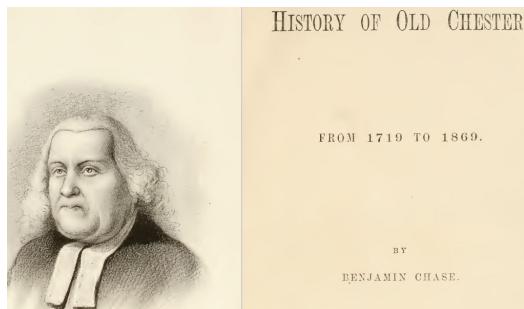
<sup>7</sup> Rachel Prescut Daughter to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born ye 28 Day of October 1737

micah Prescut Son to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born ye 23 Day of October 1739

Jemima Prescut Daughter to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born ye 23 day of October 1742

## 1719 September 24 Jonathan Signs Petition For New Town Of Chester

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[From the Council Records of 1719.]

### PETITION FOR GRANT.

A petition for a township in y<sup>e</sup> Chestnutt County, signed by about 100 hand, preferred by Mr. Hughes, Sept. 24, 1719. Minuted—Read again, Apr. 28, 1720.

To his Excellency Samuel Shute, Esq., Capt. Gen<sup>ll</sup> & Comman<sup>dr</sup> in Chief in an over His Majesty's Province of New Hampshire, &c., and the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Council, now sitting in Councel at Pourtsmouth, in and for said Province :

The humble petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Province Humbly sheweth That y<sup>r</sup> Petitioners have associated themselves together to settle a certain tract of waiste land containing Eight miles square, laying in the Province of New Hampshire afores<sup>d</sup>, and adjoining on the East to Kingston and Exeter, and on the South to Haverhill, and on the West and North to y<sup>e</sup> woods.

And forasmuch as y<sup>r</sup> Petitioners are informed that sundry persons belonging to several Towns in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay design to petition y<sup>r</sup> Excellency & Hon<sup>rs</sup> to have the same lott of land granted to them for a township,

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Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray that they may have the preference (having been at a vast expense of blood and treasure to maintain the same against the Enemy), and that the said tract of land may be granted a township to them, and as many more as are willing to settle the same, so as to make up the number of one hundred (and twenty five) persons, under such limitations for the settling of it as y<sup>r</sup> Excellency & Hon<sup>rs</sup> will in your great wisdom see convenient for the speedy settling thereof, and y<sup>r</sup> Petitioners ever will pray as in duty bound.

Sept. 24, 1719.

Tho <sup>s</sup> Phipps,	Henry Shurburne,
Jos. Pierce,	Benj. Gambling,
Tho. Packer,	Jos. Sherburne,
Joseph Tilton,	Clement Hughes,
Nath <sup>ll</sup> Batchelder, jr.,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Plaisted,
John Cram,	Elez <sup>r</sup> Russell,
Philemon Blake,	Samuel Hart,
Jacob Stanyan,	Eph <sup>m</sup> Dennett,
Robt. Row, Sen <sup>r</sup> ,	John Preston,
David Tilton,	Benj. Sanborn,
Reuben Sanborn,	Joseph Sanborn,
John Morrison,	James Prescott,
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Blake, jr.,	Jonathan Prescott, jr.,
Nath <sup>ll</sup> Healev	Richard Sanborn.

1721 June 22 Jonathan Sr. To Jonathan Jr. Land-Gift (signs mark)  
(Lot 314, First West Division, see 1712 Ward) (see maps p. 45, p.119; N13)

(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds, Book13 Page 184) <https://nhintlaredo.fidlar.com/NHRockingham/AvaWeb/#!/search>

respect sent. Know all Men by these Presents that I Jonathan  
respect sent. Present sent of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire have  
set & assigned over unto my son Jonathan Present Junr of the  
same Town & Province all my Right & Title in this within  
written Deed of Sale this 22: day of June 1741: of willfully  
my hand. --

Witnessef. In the Province of New Hampshire: Jonathan J. Preseot I:nd  
Sam: Healy May 1<sup>st</sup> 1722: in Jonathan his mark  
William Healy Present above named personly appearing acknowledge  
his hand and tho above written Instrument to be  
his voluntary act & Deed Com: Nat: Sargent Esq: J: J:

1721 June 22 Jonathan Sr. To Jonathan Jr. Land-Gift (Cowcommon, see 1707 Ward)

(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds, Book13 Page 176) <https://nhintlaredo.fidlar.com/NHRockingham/AvaWeb/#/search>

Present to know all men by these presents that Jonathan Prescott son of Hampton  
Prescott in the Province of New Hampshire have set over and assigned unto my son  
Jonathan Prescott Junr: of the same town & Province all my Right and  
title in this within written Deed of Sale this 22 day of June 1721  
as witness my hand: 10 15 <sup>hrs</sup>

Johnathan J. Proffett sent  
mark

Samuel Hoaly }  
William Hoaly }  
Promised New Hampshire May 9<sup>th</sup> 1722: —  
In Jonathan Prentiss above named personally appeared  
acknowledged his hand & the above written instrument  
to be his voluntary act & deed in the presence of

Entered & Recorded according to original & by Coram Matt Sargent Coach-artist

**1722 December 3 On One Day, Jonathan Secures Several Pieces Of Land In The New Division 5 (a.k.a “Quarter Mile”, see map p. 45).....**

....17 Acres "in ye quarter of mile near his house" And Near Uncle "John Prescott"  
(near today's Prescott Corner) (formerly Ward's)

Laid out to  $\frac{1}{3}$  orionall right of Thos: Ward now claimed by Jonathan Prescott  
17: acres  $\frac{1}{3}$  of land in  $\frac{1}{3}$  quarter of mile neare his house he desiring to  
have it in  $\frac{1}{3}$  quarter of mile bounded northerly in part on land of John Prescott  
and westerly on his own land & easterly on land not yet laid out & southerly  
on lands laid to  $\frac{1}{3}$  claims of Nethro Tilton & westerly partly on land of Robt Row  
and partly on land of John Prescott this- $\frac{1}{3}$  being a way laid to  $\frac{1}{3}$  publick use thru  
the westerly part of B land he hath his full proportion besides  $\frac{1}{3}$  land for so way

HTR v.3 p.164

[https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3\\_201802/page/n69/mode/1up](https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3_201802/page/n69/mode/1up)

...17 Acres "In ye quarter of mile" (also near Prescott Corner) (also formerly Ward's)

HTR v.3 p.162

Laid out to 9<sup>th</sup> origonall right of Tho: Ward, claimed by Jonathan Prescott who defroed to have it in 1/4 quarter of mile. was land laid out 17: acres bounded on his own land northly land not yet laid out. Eastly land laid to & claimed of Father Tilton. Southly in part & land not yet laid out in part, & westerly on lands of Robt. Row and partly on a piece of land either for a way or to make satisfaction to John Prescott for his wayes going through his land, only reserving a high way through 5<sup>th</sup> A land whereby now goeth or neare it where it may be convenient there being 17: acres of land for so waye.

[https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3\\_201802](https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3_201802)/page/n67(mode/1up)

....1 Acre, Jonathan "Jun.", Bounded By "The Prescott Lands", Presumably Prescott Corner (see map p. 45)

HTR v.3 p.165

[https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3\\_201802](https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3_201802)/page/n70(mode/1up)

1722/23 Jan. 5 Jonathan Sr. Land-Gift-Letter Lovingly Written For Son Jonathan Jr.

(repeated from Jon. Sr. section)

(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds Book 17 Page 198)

Prefect - To all people to whom these presents shall come I: Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prefect sen<sup>r</sup> do  
Prefect - Send Greeting know ye if I: Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prefect of Hampton In q<sup>r</sup> Pro<sup>c</sup>  
of N: Hampsh<sup>r</sup> In N: Engtd yeoman for & In Consideration of<sup>r</sup> love &  
good-will & affection wh<sup>t</sup> I have & do bear to my loving son Jonath<sup>n</sup>  
Prefect of<sup>r</sup> same town & Pro<sup>c</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> have given & grant<sup>r</sup> & by these  
p<sup>r</sup>ents do freely Clearly & absolutely give & grant unto J: & Jonath<sup>n</sup>  
Prefect his heirs Exe<sup>r</sup> or Adm<sup>r</sup> two halfe shares of land as it was  
laid out In q<sup>r</sup> first West Division In Hampton afores<sup>d</sup> Bound<sup>r</sup> on q<sup>r</sup> N<sup>th</sup>  
North w<sup>th</sup> land q<sup>r</sup> way formerly Zachariahs Cliffords ton q<sup>r</sup> South w<sup>th</sup>  
q<sup>r</sup> land of J: & Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prefects son<sup>r</sup> ton q<sup>r</sup> West w<sup>th</sup> q<sup>r</sup> highway & on  
q<sup>r</sup> East on q<sup>r</sup> land of In<sup>r</sup> Gram to have & to hold q<sup>r</sup> Above<sup>r</sup> two  
shares of land w<sup>th</sup> all q<sup>r</sup> promises & Appurten<sup>r</sup> & p<sup>r</sup>ileges belonging to  
q<sup>r</sup> land to him & J: Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prefect his heirs Exe<sup>r</sup> or Adm<sup>r</sup> from this  
time & forever w<sup>th</sup> out any manner of condition let or hinderance by  
me & J: Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prefect sen<sup>r</sup> me my heirs Exe<sup>r</sup> or Adm<sup>r</sup> In witness  
w<sup>th</sup> of I have hereunto set my hand & seal this first day of Janu<sup>r</sup> 21  
one thousand seven hundred & twenty two 23 & In q<sup>r</sup> eight year of q<sup>r</sup>  
Reign of our sovereign Lord George by q<sup>r</sup> grace of GOD of great  
Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of<sup>r</sup> faith & - - -

Sign<sup>r</sup> Seal<sup>r</sup> & D<sup>r</sup> Pro<sup>c</sup> of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup>: Jonathan E: Prefect sen<sup>r</sup> Seal<sup>r</sup>  
In witness of q<sup>r</sup> above named Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prefect his mark & seal  
Sam<sup>t</sup> Heeley<sup>r</sup> Sionally Appear<sup>r</sup> q<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> day of feb<sup>r</sup> 1729/30 & Acknowledg<sup>r</sup>  
Wm: Heeley<sup>r</sup> his hand & seal & q<sup>r</sup> above written Instrum<sup>r</sup> to be his free &  
voluntary act & Deed before me Peter Deare Just<sup>r</sup> of peace - - -  
Enter<sup>r</sup> & record<sup>r</sup> According<sup>r</sup> q<sup>r</sup> Josh: Peirce record<sup>r</sup> - - -  
for Orig<sup>r</sup> q<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1730<sup>r</sup> J: & Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prefect record<sup>r</sup> - - -

## 1724 December 12 Jonathan In Militia Muster Roll

Page 393 references same muster roll, but lists "John"

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1724.] JOURNAL OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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In the house of Represent Dec<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1724.

[P. 361.] A Message to the board by Mess<sup>r</sup> Fellows & Atkinson with the following report and votes thereon.

The Committe of audit whose names are underwritten haveing Examin'd the Several Muster Rolls that lay before us Do report as followeth (viz)

N <sup>o</sup> 1 a Muster Roll Sign'd And <sup>w</sup> Glidden allow'd	£108 16 4
2 a Muster Roll Sign'd Moses Norris allow'd	97 7 7
3 a Muster Roll Sign'd Jon <sup>a</sup> Sanburn	
for wages	£72 10 10
& victualling	41 9 3
4 & 5 2 Muster Rolls sign'd John Foot-	
man for	13 2 4
and	32 12 8
6. a Muster Roll sign'd Jos Roberts allow'd	45 15 —
7. a Muster Roll Sign'd W <sup>m</sup> Jones allow'd	54 18 10
8 a Muster Roll Sign'd Abrah Clark allow'd	49 1 —
9 a Muster Roll Sign'd W <sup>m</sup> Hill allow'd	11 7 6
10 a Muster Roll Sign'd Jon <sup>a</sup> Prescott allow'd	17 2 8
11 a Muster Roll Sign'd Benj <sup>a</sup> Wentworth allowed	50 3 4
12. —	99 13 2

Original From House Journal (New Hampshire State Archives [NHSArchives], Concord)

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2. a Muster Roll sign'd Moses Norris allow'd	— 97. 7. 7
3. a Muster Roll sign'd Jon <sup>a</sup> Sanburn for wages £72.10.10 & victualling — 41. 9. 3 all 115. 0. 1	
4 & 5. 2 Muster Rolls sign'd John Footman for — 13. 2. 4 all 45. 15. — and — 32. 12. 8	
6. a Muster Roll sign'd Jos Roberts allow'd	— 54. 18. 10
7. a Muster Roll sign'd W <sup>m</sup> Jones allow'd	— 49. 1. —
8. a Muster Roll sign'd Abrah Clark allow'd	— 11. 7. 6
9. a Muster Roll sign'd W <sup>m</sup> Hill allow'd	— 17. 2. 8
10. a Muster Roll sign'd Jon <sup>a</sup> Prescott allow'd	— 50. 3. 4
11. a Muster Roll sign'd Benj <sup>a</sup> Wentworth allowed	— 99. 13. 2

## 1729 March 27 Jonathan Chosen "Survayer of Highways"; Cousin James Selectman

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 66

(41)	At a Leangular metting of the freeholders and Inhabitants of the new parish in hampton held this 27 <sup>th</sup> of march 1729
1 <sup>ly</sup>	Coll Peter Weare Chosen moderator for sa <sup>d</sup> metting
2 <sup>ly</sup>	Joseph Tilton Chosen Clark for sa <sup>d</sup> parish and Sworn
3 <sup>ly</sup>	Nathaniel Healy Chosen Constable
4 <sup>ly</sup>	Nathaniel Weare Esq <sup>r</sup> Chosen Select man and Sworn
5 <sup>ly</sup>	Jams Presecut Chosen Selectman and Sworn

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10 <sup>ly</sup>	Amos Cass Chosen Survayer of highways
9 <sup>ly</sup>	Benjeman Cramden <sup>r</sup> Chosen Survayer of highways
12 <sup>ly</sup>	Jonathan Presecut Jun <sup>r</sup> Chosen Survayer of highways

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## 1732 March 1 Jonathan Chosen Hampton Falls Survayer

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 110-11

At a Leangular metting of the freeholders of the new or South parish in hampton held this twenty first day of march 1732
by Nathaniel Weare Esq <sup>r</sup> Chosen moderator for said metting
by Joseph Tilton Chosen Clark and Sworn in said metting

15 <sup>ly</sup>	Elisha Puddontun Chosen Survayer for the yeare ensuing
16 <sup>ly</sup>	Israel Blake Chosen Survayer for the yeare ensuing
17 <sup>ly</sup>	Richard Sanbor Survayer of highways for the yeare ensuing
18 <sup>ly</sup>	Jonathan Presecut Chosen Survayer for the yeare ensuing

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1732/3 Feb. 28 Hampton Falls Tavern Petition: Both Jonathans And Many Prescotts!

(repeated from Jon. Sr. section; NHSP v.9)

**TOWN PAPERS—HAMPTON AND HAMPTON FALLS. 341**

*Petition of the Inhabitants of Hampton Falls for a tavern license.*

1732-3. To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq. Capt General and Commander in Chief in and over His Maj<sup>ties</sup> province of New Hampshire &c and to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Counsell and House of Representatives conveaneed in Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly.

The humble petition of us y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers Inhabitants of Hampton falls parish most humbly sheweth,

That for three or four years Last past wee have had Sundry Divisions and parties made which has cosd much distraction and trouble amongst y<sup>e</sup> people of this parish upon y<sup>e</sup> account of y<sup>e</sup> tavern. The hous formerly Bult by Co<sup>l</sup> Peter Weare

(excerpted)

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Samuel Healey	Jonathan Prescott
Nath <sup>l</sup> Healey	Jonathan Row
Jonathan Green	Thomas Leavit
Jonathan Bachelder	Elisha Prescut (?)
Joseph Tilton	Elisher Prescut Jr
John Cram	Benj Prescut
Jonathan Cram Jr	Edward Tuck
John Brown	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Blake
James Moulton	Nathaniell Prescut
Samuel Matshun	Joseph Draper
John Matson	Richard Nason
Jacob Garland	Beniamin Sanbon
John Green	James Prescut
Jacob Stanyan	Jeremiah Green
Thomas Gill	Jonathan Prescut
Amos Cass	Benj <sup>a</sup> Sweet
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Emrons	Benj. Hiland
Benjamin Green	Tim <sup>o</sup> Hiland
Jedjah Blake	Calub Browne
Nathan Clough	Thos. Philbrick
Joseph Cass	Jeremy Gove
Jonathan Cass	Jonathan Dow
Sharon Blake	Jn <sup>o</sup> Harvey
Jon <sup>a</sup> Philbrick	John Gove, Jr
Benj <sup>a</sup> Pearkins	Calub Swan
Thomas Cram	

In Coun. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 1732-3.

Read and unanimously Voted to be dismissed.

R. Waldron Secry.

## 1733 March 19 Jonathan Chosen Hampton Falls Selectman

(Cousins James, John Also Chosen)

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 136 (excerpted)

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(82)  
-72-  
At a Leauge meeting of the  
freeholder of the new or South parish  
in hampton held this 19<sup>th</sup> of march  
1733/4  
1<sup>ly</sup> Coll Peter Weare chosen modera-  
tor for 8<sup>th</sup> meeting  
for the year ensuing.  
9<sup>ly</sup> Jonathan Prescut chosen select man  
for the year ensuing.

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## 1734 November 9 Jonathan As Hampton Falls Selectman

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 141

These are to give notice to the free- (85)  
holders and Inhabitants of this parish  
to meet at this meeting house on  
munday next the Eleventh day of  
this instant November at twelve of the  
clock on 8<sup>th</sup> day to consider and come  
into some way to take care of Several  
Lots of Land which belongs by Right to  
this parish namely parsonag Lots and  
to do no other busines

Hampton falls Joseph Tilton Select  
November the 9<sup>th</sup> 1734 Joseph Worth  
Jonathan Prescut men

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## 1734 March 31 Jonathan As Hampton Falls Selectman

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 144

This is to give notice to the freeholders or Inhabitants of this Parish that are qualified to vote that they meet at this meeting house on Monday the thirty first day of this instant March at ten of the Clock in the forenoon then and there to choose Constables Selectmen and all other Parish officers for the year ensuing and also to pass a vote Considering the low value of the present Currency that Mr Whipple may have twenty pounds or what may be thought proper given him towards his maintenance for the year ensuing and also to pass a vote that money be raised in the next Rate to hire a minister to preach to the Inhabitants of the upper or western part of this Parish four months in the year ensuing and also to pass a vote that money be raised in the next Rate in order to say for the four months preaching the said Inhabitants of the western part of the Parish had in the year past

Hampton Falls March  
y 31: 1734/5

Joseph Tilton  
John Prescott  
Joseph Worth  
Benjamin Green

Select

men

## 1734 October 10 Selectman Jonathan Petitions For Hampton Falls Town Fair

(History of Town of Hampton Falls, Brown p.278) & (NHSP v.9 p.346)

### FAIRS.

#### PETITION OF HAMPTON FALLS FOR A FAIR.

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq. Governor and commander in chief in and over his majesties province of New Hampshire and to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Majesties Council

The humble petition of the Selectmen of the Parish of Hampton Falls in Said province most humbly Sheweth,

That whare as in this our Parish and in the towns and Parishes round about us, and to ye eastward of our Province Thare are raised a Bundance of Quick Stock which to geather with other Traflick, Twice in a year we want to Sell and having experienced Sumthing of benefit of a time and place for marketing S<sup>d</sup> Stock and Traflick in our S<sup>d</sup> Parish which Benefitt not ondly our Parish but our province together with ye eastward Towns have Shared with us in, by Reason of the Situation of our Parish being ye most convenient to accommodate Boath Provincees—We your Petitioners most humbly pray.

That his Excellency and ye Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council order that ye Second Wednesday and Thursday in May, and ye Third Wednesday and Thursday in Oct. to be days of Fair for Publick Traiding in this Parish att the most noted Publick hous, and country Road yearly and for ever for the Bennefites above expressed, As in duty bound will ever pray

JOSEPH TILTON	Selectmen of ye Parish of Hampton Falls
JONATHAN PRESCOTT	
JOSEPH WORTH	
ISRAEL BLAK	
BENJAMIN GREEN	

Hampton Falls Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 1734.

<http://archive.org/stream/historyoftownofhoobrow#page/n315/mode/1up/search/jonathan+prescott>

1735 March 24 Jonathan Chosen "Commete man" (Cousin Sam Chosen)  
(Note a "Searcher & Sealer of Leather")  
Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 164

At a Leagal meeting of the freeholders  
or Inhabitants In Hampton falls  
held this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of march 1735/6  
16<sup>th</sup> by Nath<sup>ll</sup> Ware Esq<sup>r</sup> Chosen moderator  
for said meeting.

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Sealer of Leather  
16<sup>th</sup> by Moses Blake Jun<sup>r</sup> Chosen a Searcher  
& Sealer of Leather  
17<sup>th</sup> by Samuel Prescut Chosen a Commete  
man to call ye last years select men  
to account  
18<sup>th</sup> by Jon<sup>a</sup> Prescut Jun<sup>r</sup> Chosen a Commete  
man to call ye last years select men  
to account

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**1736 March 8, and April 23 & 24 - Prescott Memorial asserts Jonathan Sr. co-led this successful petition for a new Parish (Kensington), although Jr. as a Hampton Falls Selectman was likely involved. Therefore, this episode is repeated.**

NB: Again, while the records distinguish James Senior (father and grandfather to the Jonathans) from James Junior, unfortunately the Jonathans are not so recorded. So, as their active civic years overlap, we can only presume who is being referenced.

(Note the petition had been accidentally "consumed to ashes".) (NHSPv12)

HAMPTON FALLS.

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[4-230] [Petition relative to making a new Town of the West Part, 1736.]

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq<sup>r</sup> Governour and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesties province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> to the Honourable his Majesties Council of the s<sup>d</sup> province, and the Representatives in gen<sup>ll</sup> Assembly convened at Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the s<sup>d</sup> province, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March an: Domini 1736/7

The Petition of Joseph Wadley Ezekiel Dow John Batchelder and Jonathan Prescut John Wear most humbly Sheweth

That at the Sessions of the gen<sup>ll</sup> Assembly of this province in the month of May—A : D : 1735. Your Petitioners with Sun-dry others to the Number of about Sixty who were Inhabitants of the West part of Hampton Falls parish did prefer a Petition to Your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly praying that they might be Set of a Seperate Parish by themselves, which Petition was acted upon at the last Sessions of the assembly after a full hearing of the s<sup>d</sup> Parish by their Attornies, on the one part and Your Petitioners and their other Companions on the other part and there it was ordered by Your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly that a Committee Should be appointed to goe upon the Spot and make enquiry into the affair, to Survey the whole parish and to See whether it was big enough for Two, and if they found it was big enough for Two then to prefix a Line and to make a return to the gen<sup>ll</sup> Assembly on the third day of their Sessions, and your Petitioners fur-ther Shew that Soon after the passing of that order both the Petition and order are Consumed to ashes in the burning of the Secretaries house in whose keeping they were, and that notwithstanding they were So consumed and destroyed yet the Committee who were appointed have proceeded and acted thereon, and it being now the time appointed for them to make their return thereof, they are accordingly attending for that end, your Petitioners therefore pray that your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly will please to accept thereof and to confirm the Same, so your Petitioners Shall ever pray &c

Jonathan Prescut      Joseph wadleigh      John Bachelder  
John Weare      Ezekiel Dow

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Jonathan Prescut      Joseph wadleigh      John Bachelder  
 John Weare      Ezekiel Dow

**1736 April 23** Hampton Falls selectmen & petitioners (presumably one or both Jonathans) appear at Board (Governor & Council); petitions then sent “down to the House”.

(NHSP vol.4 p.811)

Pro: N. Hamp<sup>r</sup>. At a general assembly held at Portsm<sup>o</sup> by adjournm<sup>t</sup> Tuesday Apr. 23<sup>d</sup> 1736.

Present in Coun.

[P. 117.] The petitioners for a new Parish at Hampton Falls and the Selectmen of said Falls Parish as respondents appeared at the Board & were heard upon the said Petitions and then the said Petitions and Papers relating thereto were sent down to the House of Representatives by the Secretary.

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Hart Esq. as Guardian to the Children of George & Robert Almory preferred a Petition praying leave to sell part of Messuage belonging to his wards which was read and sent down.

John Meader and others preferred a Petition praying for a special act to Dock an Intail &c. read, sent down by the Secretary.

Adj'd til tomorrow, 10 o'clock A. M.

**1736 April 23** Later that day they appear before the House of Representatives who then forms a committee to see the area for themselves.

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wherein the Province may be concerned, and that said Committee lay all their Letters & Answers before the House of Representatives from time to time as the Assembly shall sit.

April 23, 1736. Voted. James Jeffry Cler. Assm

The Inhabitants of the West End of Hampton was heard, the Selectmen of Hampton Falls being present, & voted there be a Committee to view, &c

Mr. Treasur<sup>r</sup>. Sherburn being ask<sup>t</sup> by the House for the Bonds of £1730 w<sup>ch</sup> was in his keeping to deliver them to the House, his answer was, that they were put into his hands by the vote of the upper house and he was directed not to deliver them.

After the reading the above Petition & John Meader's Petition and votes entered on them the house adjourned to Sathurday, 24<sup>th</sup> A. M.

[Then the Journal from which the two leaves are missing is continued.] FAR.

## 1736 April 24 The next day, the House meets with the Hampton Falls delegation.

(NHSP v12 pp133-4)

[4-231] [Committee appointed to fix Division Line, and Report of said Committee, 1736.]

Prov of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> April 24—1736  
In the House of Representatives  
The Inhabitants of the West end of Hampton was heard on

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theire Petition for a Precinct, according to the day Limitted Last Sessions and the parish of Hampton falls was present by their Selectmen and both parties heard—

And voted that there be a Committee

Entred on the Back of the Petition viz

The within Petition was Read & the Petitioners and the select men of Hampton falls parish was heard thereon by their Councill

The House having Considered thereon

Voted Capt Edward Hall and m<sup>r</sup> Samuell Palmer be a Committee of this House to Joyne with Such as the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Councill Shall appoint, to Go and view Hampton falls parish, and See if at present its Reasonable there be a new precinct Set off,

and if in their Judgment it oft So to be, Then to view the precinct and Consider what district may be Set off to them having regard to the Quaintiy & Quality of the Land, and to make return to the next Gen<sup>l</sup> assembly on the third day of their Sitting and Each party pay half the Charges of Said Committee

James Jeffry Cle<sup>r</sup> ass<sup>m</sup>

the same day a Mess<sup>a</sup> Came down that the Board had Concurr'd with the above Vote and that Theodore Atkinson & Joseph Sherburn Esq<sup>r</sup> were appointed a Committee by the Board to Joyne the Committe of the House on the affaire of Hampton falls—

1736 April 24 Later that day, the Provincial Council agrees with the House vote on the "John Prescot" petition (for new parish Kensington); they either misspelled Jonathan or mean his brother John. (NHSP vol. 4)

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PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

[1736.]

Pro. N. Hamp. At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly, Saturday Apr. 24  
1736

Present in Coun.

Geo. Jaffrey	Esqs.	Eph. Dennet	Esqs.
Joth Odiorne		Josh <sup>a</sup> Peirce	
Henry Sherburne		Jos. Sherburn	
Rich <sup>d</sup> Waldron		Ellis Huske	
	Theo. Atkinson		

A message to the Board by Mr. Peirce w<sup>th</sup> Meaders Petition & vote thereon as follows:

By y<sup>e</sup> same message the Petition of John Prescott & others w<sup>th</sup> a vote thereon as follows:

A message to the Board by Capt. Walker w<sup>th</sup> a vote for calling in y<sup>e</sup> residue of y<sup>e</sup> £15000.

A message to the House pr Mr. Atkinson to acquaint them the Council had agreed with their votes on Meaders & Prescott's Petitions.

Adj'd til monday next 11 o'clock.

1737 March 29 Jonathan's petition for the new Parish of Kensington is....GRANTED!

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[4-230] [Action of Legislature.]

Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 1737. In the House of Representatives The Petitioners of the within Petition was heard (the opposite parties not appearing) & voted: That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and the Petitioners be set of a Distinct Parish according to the Bound prefixt In the Returne Committe; and that they have Liberty to Bring in theire Bill accordingly

James Jeffry Cl<sup>r</sup> Ass<sup>m</sup>

In Council March 30: 1737

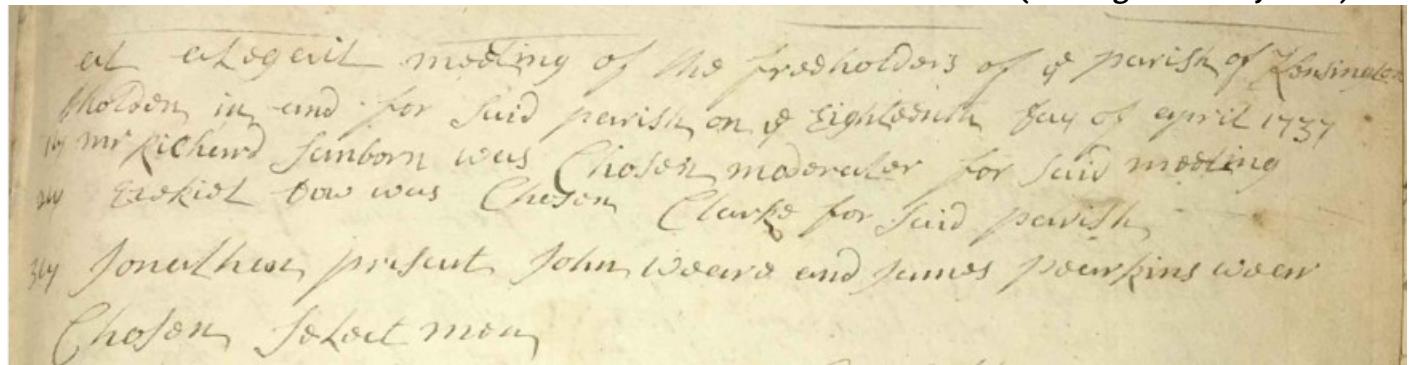
Read and Concurred Rich<sup>d</sup> waldron Sec<sup>r</sup>

Same day assented to J. Belcher.

[An act passed, April 1, 1737, incorporating the territory asked for into a "distinct parish by the name of Kensington." The following September another act was passed slightly changing the bounds.—ED.]

1737 April 18 Jonathan Chosen As Selectman At First Meeting Of Kensington Parish  
("3ly" ...probably Jonathan Jr. at age 41; Sr. is 61)

(Kensington Library Vault)



At a Logue meeting of the freeholders of the parish of Kensington  
Holden in and for said parish on the eighteenth day of April 1737  
Mr Richard Simborn was chosen moderator for said meeting  
Mr Brook Dow was chosen Clerk for said parish  
by Jonathan present John Weare and James Perkins were  
chosen Selectmen

1737 August 12 "Prescotts Petition and Bill" (Volume Index says its Jonathan) -  
But Regarding What...?

(NHSP vol4 p736)

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PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

[1737]

every thing in our power to facilitate that affaire, that if possible it  
may have the desired effect of a friendly & happy Issue.

August 12<sup>th</sup> 1737, voted to be sent up.

Andrew Wiggin, Speaker

Newington Petition sent down from the Board, Voted,  
that it be dism<sup>d</sup>

Prescotts Petition past upon & Liberty to bring in his  
Bill.

Then the House adjourn'd to the 13<sup>th</sup> curr<sup>t</sup>.

1739 March 20 Jonathan "chosen To Call Selectmen To Account" At Kensington  
Parish Meeting ("5ly")

(Kensington Library Vault)

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of  
Kensington Holden in and for said parish on the twenty  
day of March 1739  
Firstly Mr Joseph Redligh was chosen moderator  
for said meeting  
2ly Ezekiel Dow was chosen Clark for the parish  
3ly Richard Sanborn was chosen Constable  
4ly James Pogg, Jonathan Dow & Samuel Page were chosen  
to look after the parish  
5ly Jonathan present & Obadiah Johnson were chosen to  
go call the select men to an account  
of the money received and spent and Josiah Brown

1741 March 3 Jonathan Chosen "Sesors" (Assessors) At Kensington Parish Meeting  
("5ly")

(Kensington Library Vault)

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of  
the parish of Kensington Holden the third day  
of March 1741 Yeom John Bathelder was chosen  
moderator for said meeting  
2ly Ezekiel Dow was chosen Clark for said parish  
3ly Edward Palmer was chosen Constable and paid his  
fine  
4ly Ben Abraham Moulton, Ebenezer Brown and  
Jeremiah Eastman were chosen Select-men  
5ly Jonathan present John Ware chosen Assessors  
Richard Sanborn and Obadiah Johnson were  
chosen to call the Select men to an account

1741 February 12 Jonathan ("Blacksmith") And Samuel Prescott Divide Exeter Land  
(Epping Historical Society)

of Agreement made and concluded this twelfth  
day of February Anno Domini Seventeen hundred & forty-four  
And in the fourteenth year of his Majesties Reign, Between  
Jonathan Prescott of the Parish of Kensington in the township of  
Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire in New England  
Blacksmith on the one part, And Samuel Prescott of Hampton  
aforesaid Yeoman on the other part, Concerning the Division  
of a certain tract of Land Lying in the township of Exeter  
in the Province aforesaid: Whereas the Said Samuel Prescott bought  
of the Said Jonathan Prescott One half of Seventy acres of Land  
Laid out by the proprietors of Exeter aforesaid and Drawn for by  
David Gilman late of Exeter deceased Beginning at N<sup>o</sup> 159  
in the fourth Range and Ending at N<sup>o</sup> 166 in the same range  
And also one half of forty acres of Land Lying in the same  
Range Beginning at N<sup>o</sup> 166 and Ending at N<sup>o</sup> 170 as may  
appear by a Deed bearing date the seventh day of August  
Anno Domini Seventeen hundred & thirty five: And also one  
half of thirty acres of land in the same range which begins  
at N<sup>o</sup> 170 and ends at N<sup>o</sup> 173 in the same range as may  
appear by a Deed bearing date the ninth day of May Anno  
Domini 1738. Now the Said Jonathan Prescott and Samuel  
Prescott have agreed to make a Division of the whole tract of  
land aforesaid from N<sup>o</sup> 159 in the said fourth range to  
N<sup>o</sup> 173 in the same range as follows (viz) the Said Samuel  
Prescott to have Sixty acres upon the South Side: And the Said  
Jonathan Prescott to have the remaining Eighty acres on the  
North Side. And this the Said Samuel Prescott Agreeth to take  
as his full half of the several pieces which he bought by  
the Said Jonathan

Chase Collection

1741

Jonathan Prescott / Kensington  
Blacksmith

Samuel Prescott / Hampton

Yeoman  
Witness Meshech Weare

Agreement re: Tract of Land

1742 March 3 Jonathan Chosen Surveyor ("8ly") And To Meet Rev. Fogg ("11") At  
Kensington Parish Meeting

(Kensington Library Vault)

At a yearly meeting of the freeholders of  
the parish of Kensington holden the 3rd day of  
March 1742 Recd John Batchelder was chosen  
moderator for the said meeting.

2ly Edward Tuck was chosen Clarke  
3ly Edward Tuck was chosen Constable  
4ly John Batchelder Richard Lanborn and  
Nathan Clough were chosen Select men  
5ly James Fogg and Obadiah Johnson were  
chosen to call the Select men to  
a meeting  
6ly Robert Bow and Samuel Clifford were  
chosen Selectors  
7ly Benjamin James Nathaniel Dearborn  
and Jonathan Palmer were chosen  
Surveyors  
8ly Samuel Clifford Jonathan present  
and Moses Blake were chosen Surveyors  
9ly Benjamin present and Moses Blake were  
chosen Sealers of Leather  
10ly voted that Edward Tuck for a  
Constable be accepted by this parish  
in the room of Edward Tuck  
for the year 1742.

11 voted that Jonathan present and  
Jonathan Bow should go and  
agree with Mr Fogg for a Standard  
falling the money and take a bond of him

1743 March 1 Jonathan To Meet Fogg, As Per Prior Kensington Vote (Kensington Library Vault)

Kensington March 1<sup>st</sup> 1743  
Pursuant to a vote passed by this  
parish march 9<sup>th</sup> 1742/3 which is as  
follows viz That Jonathan present and  
Jonathan Dow should go & agree with  
mr Fogg for a standard concerning the  
money's rising & falling & take a  
bond of him accordingly we upon examining  
the vote of this parish relating  
to his gallery find the parish is obliged to  
keep up the value of the money

1743 March 1 Jonathan Chosen "to Ajust The Selectmans Account" ("7 Ly") At  
Kensington Parish Meeting

(Kensington Library Vault)

At a legal meeting of the freeholders of  
the parish of Kensington holden the first day  
of march 1743 by Deacon John Batchelder was  
Chosen moderator for said meeting  
by Deacon Dow was Chosen Clerk for said parish  
by James Berkman was Chosen Constable  
by Voted to except of Moses Blake junior for a Constable  
in the Room of James Berkman as a hired man  
by Jonathan Dow Philemon Blake and Samuel Yago were  
Chosen Selectmen  
by Philip Dow Benj: present Wadleigh Crane and  
Jonathan Brown were Chosen assessors  
by Jonathan present and Obadiah Johnson were Chosen  
to adjust the Selectmen's account

1743/4 March 6 "Leit" Jonathan Chosen Constable At Kingston Parish Meeting ("3ly")  
Then Substituted ("4ly") "in the room of" (instead of) (Kensington Library Vault)

at a legal meeting of the freeholders of 21  
the Parish of Kensington holden the fifth day  
of March 1743/4 by Decr. John Batchelder  
was Chosen moderator for said meeting.  
2ly Ezekiel Dow was Chosen Clarke for said  
Parish  
3ly Leit Jonathan Prifcut was Chosen Constable  
4ly Voted that Moses Blaquier be excepted of as a hired  
man by the parish for a Constable in the room of  
Jonathan Prifcut at said meeting

("Leit" is presumably short for Lieutenant...but how is he?)

## Kensington Town Records State Copy, 1896 (cover page)

A copy of the earliest town records of Kensington with the orthography, capitalization and general form retained as nearly as possible. The only change being a rearrangement of the marriages births and deaths in alphabetical order with a short index. Completed by me this fifth day of September 1896.

Irving C. Gove

Kensington,

N. H.

By vote of the town these records were copied under the supervision of the Selectmen

John F. Gill	}	Selectmen of
Benjamin F. Rowe	}	Kensington 1896
Alva Brewer	}	

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### 1745 Feb. 11 "Leut" Jonathan Chosen Moderator Of Kensington Parish Meeting; Chosen to "Let out four Shars" in the "old west division"

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23] (34) At a legal meeting of the freeholders of the Parish of Kensington holden the Eleventh Day of February 1745

1 ly- Leut Jonathan Prescut was Chosen moderator for Said meeting

2 ly- Voted that a Committe be Chosen to Let out the four half Shears that were Purchased by the whole town of hampton and appropriated for the use of the minist~~ers~~ of hampton now in the Parish of Kensington  
Laying in the old west division So Called which was Layed out to the Rights which were Purchased of Mr. Timothy Dalton.

3 ly- Jonathan Prescut Joseph Wadleigh Benjamin Prescut Dec. Jonathan Fellows and Jonathan Brown were Chosen as a Committe to Let out the four Shars in the old west division So Called

## Reference to “Jonathan Prescott’s new house” & road....“for the use...in forever”

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Kensington Februry 11, 1744/5

A Return of a highway layed out upon the Desire of Joseph Tilton to the Selectmen of said Parish have laid Said way

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out as Joseph Wadleigh and Jonathan Prescut and Joseph Tilton have agreed the Said way to begin on Drinkwater Rode So Called on the hill near Jonathan Prescuts new house begin- ning at a stone in the South west Corner of Said Wadleigh

Lane one Rod wide westward from Said Wadleighs fence and Runing Northerly about fifty Rods to a turn in the fence then Runing Easterly by Said Wadleighs fence about twenty Rods whilst it cumes two Rods upon Said Tiltons Land.

(37) Keeping the same breadth and the way to lay open for the use and benefit of Said Tilton or any other person or persons to pass and Repass in forever

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## 1745 March 4 Jonathan (The Lawyer!) chosen to “defend the Parish from...Lawsute”

Kensington Town Records State Copy, page 24

At a legal meeting of the freeholders of the Parish of Kensington holden by a Joyrnment the fourth day of March 1745.

excerpted

3 ly- Voted that a Committe be Chosen namely Jonathan Prescut and Samuel Page to carrie on any Lawsute or defend the Parish from any Lawsute that may be commenced against them

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## 1745 March 4 (a second one?) "Lei" Jonathan Chosen Selectman At Kensington Parish Meeting

Kensington Town Records State Copy, page 23

At a Legal meeting of the freeholders of the Parish of Kensington holden the fourth Day of March 1745.

1 ly- Dec. John Batchelder was Chosen moderator for Said meeting.

2 ly- Ezekiel Dow was Chosen Clerke for Said Parish.

3 ly- James Sanborn was Chosen Constable

4 ly- *Lei.* Jonathan Prescut Samuel Clifford and Ebenezer Brown were Chosen Selectmen

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## 1745 July 1 Selectman Jonathan's Replacement Chosen "in room of" (instead of) Him; Also Date of his Will....He's Presumably Packing For His Final Trip

Kensington Town Records State Copy, page 26

[25] At a legal meeting of the freeholders of the parish of Kensington holden the first day of July 1745.

excerpted

(38) 5 ly- Voted that Capt. Robert Row shall serve as Selectman in the Room of Jonathan Prescut

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For more information on Colonial Selectmen:

<https://www.wbrookfield.com/?SEC=143B3658-4432-4588-B5BB-EF8542DD149A>

## **CAPTAIN JONATHAN PRESCOTT**

**Fed up with French Canadian raids on the New England coastal towns, the Colonies banded together and set out in early 1745 to settle this once and for all. In so doing, they would need to take out the mightiest military installation in the Western Hemisphere at the time, Fortress Louisbourg at the tip of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia in Canada, guarding the St. Lawrence Seaway. Jonathan enlists as a Captain.**

(American Historical Register Mar-Aug 1895 "Siege of Louisbourg" p.978):

Within a period of eight weeks New Hampshire raised for the expedition a regiment of three hundred and fifty men under command of Col. Samuel Moore, and fitted out a sloop-of-war with fourteen guns, commanded by Capt. John Fernald. Moreover, one hundred and fifty men were enlisted in New Hampshire, who were aggregated to the regiment in the pay of Massachusetts. New Hampshire, therefore, exclusive of one hundred and fifteen men, who were sent to reinforce the garrison, after the surrender, furnished five hundred men or approximately one-eighth part of the entire land force in service at the siege.

The officers of the regiment of the rank of captain and above were: Colonel, Samuel Moore; lieut.-col., Nathaniel Meserve; major, Ezekiel Gilman; surg., Dr. Joseph Pierce; chap., Rev. Samuel Langdon; capt., John Flag; capt., Nathaniel Fellows; capt., John Light; capt., Henry Sherburne; capt., Jonathan Prescott; capt., Samuel Hale; capt., Edward Williams.

<https://archive.org/stream/americanhistorcv2brow#page/978/mode/1up>

For more on history of the Louisbourg Expedition: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fortress\\_of\\_Louisbourg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fortress_of_Louisbourg)  
[http://www.nfb.ca/film/louisbourg\\_under\\_siege/](http://www.nfb.ca/film/louisbourg_under_siege/)

**1745 June 17/20 - According to The Prescott Memorial, Jonathan is "appointed" by the Governor as Captain of a NH company for the Louisburg Expedition in "1744".**

(Pmem p235/263)

**(Capt.) JONATHAN,(111) b. July 16, 1696; m. April 3, 1721, Judith, dau. of Ebenezer and Judith (Sanborn) Gove, b. Dec. 18, 1700. He was for several years one of the selectmen of Hampton Falls. In 1744 he was appointed, by Gov. Benning Wentworth, captain of a company in the celebrated expedition, under Sir Wm. Pepperell, against Louisburg, on**

<https://archive.org/stream/prescottmemorialoopres#page/n262/mode/1up>

.....And according to other NH official records as well:

Report of the New Hampshire Adjunct General, 1866 p.71 - here Captain Jonathan "Prescut" is enlisted June 17, 1745 AND deceased "April 12, 1746"....probably the date it was entered into the official record.

MILITARY HISTORY—1623 TO 1861.

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OFFICERS' NAMES.	Quality.	Time of entrance into the Service.	When discharged.	Whole time in the Service.	Wages per Month.	Whole amount of Wages.
<b>RECRUITS.</b>						
George Meserve,	Captain,	1744. June 20	1746. Nov. 11	mo. da. 5 4	£ s. £ s. d.	23 3
John Light,	"	" 17	June 20			
Jonathan Prescut,	"	" "	April 12	Dec'd.		48 4 3
John Ladd,	"	" "	Nov. 10	5 7	4 10	23 12 6
Daniel McGregor,	"	" 20			4 10	37 18 6
Nathaniel Fellows,	Lieut.,	" "	Sept. 30	3 19	2 10	9 3
Nathaniel Fellows,	Captain,	Oct. 1	June 20	9 11	4 10	42 5 4
Joshua Winslow,	Lieut.,	Sept. 30	" 17	9 8	3	27 17 2
Wm. Earl Treadwell,	"	Aug. 9	"	9 8	3	27 17 1
Ezekiel Worthen,	Ensign,	June 17	Sept. 30	3 22	2	9 7 2
Ezekiel Worthen,	Lieut.,	Oct. 1	June 20	9 11	3	28 3 7
Jeremiah Veasey,	Ensign,	June 17	Sept. 30	3 22	2	7 11 5
Jeremiah Veasey,	Lieut.,	Oct. 1	June 20	9 11	2 17	28 3 7
Benjamin Bunker,	Ensign,	Aug. 10				26 9 3
John Loggin,	"	July 16	June 17	9 8	2 17	26 9 3
Josiah Philbrick,	"	Oct. 1	" 20	9 11	2 17	26 15 5
John Flagg, Jr.,	"	July 9				26 9 4
Ezekiel Pitman, Jr.,	"	June 20	June 20			34 2 6
Joseph Weare,	"	Aug. 11	June 20			26 15 4
Henry Montgomery,	"	June 20	Deceased.			25 7 3
Nath'l Meserve, Jr.,	Lieut.,	Aug. 1	Nov. 11	3 19	3	11 10
	"	"	"	"	"	21 17 11

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Again, the same Report of the New Hampshire Adjunct General, 1866 as printed in The New England Historical and Genealogical Register (vol24 p.379). Note that Jonathan Prescott, Captain, is classified as "Afterwards", i.e., as a reinforcement after the victory on June 17, 1745 – THE DAY HE ENLISTED. (Though, here he is enlisted on the 20th)

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*Louisbourg Soldiers.*

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*Commissions in the New-Hampshire Regiment whereof Samuel Moore, Esq., is Colonel.*

Name.	Quality.	Date.
Samuel Moore, Esq.	Colonel and Captain of 1st Co.	Mar. 1st, 1744
Nathaniel Meserve, Esq.	Lieut. Col. and Capt. of 2d Co.	" 1st
Ezekiel Gilman, Esq.	Major and Capt. of 3d Co.	" 1st
John Tufton Mason	Captain of a Company	" 1st
William Seaward	" " "	" 1st
John Furnell	"	" 1st
Samuel Hale	"	" 1st
Elipha. Daniel	Lieutenant	Mar. 1st
Jeremiah Wheelwright	"	" 1st
Samuel Leavitt	2d Lieutenant 1st Company	" 1st
Clement Ham	Ensign	" 1st
John Hart	" is a Lieutenant	" 1st
Robert Perkins	"	" 1st
Edward Brown	"	" 1st
Christopher Huntriss	"	" 1st
Thomas Pickering	"	" 1st
Edward Brooks	"	" 1st
John Eyre	Adjutant	" 1st
Joseph Sherburn	Captain of a Company	June 6th
Trueworthy Dudly	Captain and Lieutenant	Mar. 1st
Samuel Connor	2d Lieutenant	" 1st
Daniel Wormall	Ensign	" 1st
Jonathan Gilman	Lieutenant of Marines	April 13th
Abraham Trefethen	Captain of a Co. of Marines	" 13th
<i>Afterwards.</i>		
John Light	Captain	June 20th, 1745
Jeremiah Veasey	Ensign	" 20th
Jonathan Prescott	Captain	" 20th
Ezekiel Northen	Ensign	" 20th
Samuel Hale	Major	Oct. 17th
John Flagg	Captain	Jan. 19th
Nathaniel Fellows	Captain	Oct. 17th
William Earl Treadwell	1st Lieut. of Col. Moore's Co.	Aug. 9th
Edmund Brown	1st Lieut. Capt. Williams's Co.	July 10th
Ezekiel Worthen	1st Lieut. Capt. Prescott's Co.	Aug. 10th
Jeremiah Veasey	1st Lieut. Capt. Light's Co.	Nov. 1st
Thomas Newmarch	1st Lieut. of Col. Meserve's Co.	Aug. 10th
John Loggin	Ensign Capt. Sherburn's Co.	July 16th
Benjamin Bunker	Ensign Capt. Hale's Co.	Aug. 10th
Joseph Weare	Ensign Capt. Prescott's Co.	" 10th

<sup>1</sup> Several of these Commissions are arranged under the head of "Afterwards." It seems that the other Commissions were issued before the troops left, when the force was first organized; and those afterwards were commissioned to fill vacancies or meet wants that were felt after they arrived at the place of destination.

From Roll of New Hampshire Men at Louisburg, Cape Breton, 1745 (ROLL), Gilmore, 1896  
 Here, Capt. Jonathan enlists June 17; footnote 8 states he dies April 12, 1746 (probably date entered into the record)

NEW HAMPSHIRE MEN AT LOUISBURG.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE MEN IN THE LOUISBURG EXPEDITION, 1745.—*Cont.*

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	ENLISTED.	RANK.	COMPANY.	REG'T.
Merrill, Jacob.....	.....	June 17	Ensign	.....	Moore's.
Meserve, Nathaniel.....	Portsmouth.....	Feb. 13	Lt. Col.	Meserve's..	"
<sup>1</sup> Meserve, Nathaniel, Jr. ....	" .....	"	Lieut.	"	"
Meserve, George .....	.....	June 20	Capt.	"	"
<sup>2</sup> Miller, Robert .....	Hampton Falls	Feb. 13	Private	.....	"
Moody, John.....	.....	.....	"	.....	"
Morgan, Abraham.....	Stratham .....	Feb. 13	"	.....	"
<sup>3</sup> Morgan, John .....	Kingston .....	"	"	.....	"
Moulton, Nathaniel.....	Hampton.....	.....	"	.....	"
<sup>4</sup> Newmarch, Thomas.....	Portsmouth.....	Feb. 13	Ensign	Fellows's ..	"
Norton, Caleb.....	.....	.....	Private	Prescott's..	"
Nute, Paul.....	Dover.....	April 15	"	Trefethen's	"
Nelson, Joseph .....	Portsmouth.....	Feb. 13	"	Hale's.....	"
Nelson, John.....	.....	"	"	.....	"
<sup>5</sup> Nelson, Leader.....	" .....	"	"	.....	"
Nelson, James .....	.....	.....	"	.....	"
Peirce, Perham .....	.....	Feb. 13	"	Moore's..	"
Perkins, George .....	.....	.....	"	" .....	"
Perry, John .....	.....	"	"	.....	"
Pinkham, John.....	.....	.....	"	Fellows's ..	"
<sup>6</sup> Pitman, Ezekiel, Jr.....	Portsmouth.....	Feb. 13	Ensign	" .....	"
Philbrick, Joseph.....	.....	.....	Private	Light's.....	"
<sup>7</sup> Prescott, William.....	Epping .....	Feb. 13	"	" .....	"
Palmer, Growth.....	.....	"	"	Sherburne's	"
Page, David.....	Exeter .....	.....	"	Prescott's..	"
<sup>8</sup> Prescott, Jonathan.....	.....	June 17	Capt.	" .....	"
Prescott, Joseph.....	.....	.....	Private	" .....	"
<sup>3</sup> Prescott, John.....	Kingston .....	.....	"	" .....	"
Pressey, Paul.....	.....	.....	"	" .....	"
Perkins, Thomas.....	Rochester .....	Feb. 13	Corp.	Hale's.....	"
Perkins, Nathaniel .....	.....	"	Private	" .....	"
Paine, John .....	Newcastle .....	.....	"	Whidden's.	"
Peavy, Joseph.....	.....	.....	"	" .....	"
Partridge, Jonathan.....	Portsmouth.....	Feb. 13	"	.....	"
Pease, Samuel.....	Newmarket.....	.....	"	.....	"
Pendexter, Edward, Jr. ....	.....	.....	"	.....	"
Perkins, Robert .....	.....	Feb. 13	Ensign	.....	"
Philbrick, Josiah.....	.....	Oct. 10	"	.....	"
<sup>3</sup> Philbrick, Simon.....	.....	.....	Private	.....	"
Pickering, Thomas .....	.....	Feb. 13	Ensign	.....	"
Pierce, Joseph.....	Portsmouth.....	Mar. 16	Sur. ch'f	.....	"
Pinkham, Solomon .....	Dover.....	Feb. 13	Armorer	.....	"
Quimby, Eliphilet.....	.....	.....	Private	Light's.....	"
Rand, William.....	Newcastle .....	Feb. 13	"	Moore's ..	"
Randall, William .....	.....	.....	"	Fellows's ..	"
Rawlings, Stephen .....	.....	.....	"	" .....	"
Rawlings, Samuel.....	Newington .....	.....	"	" .....	"
Read, Solomon.....	.....	.....	"	" .....	"
Roberts, Isaac.....	Dover.....	.....	"	" .....	"
Rundlett, Satchel.....	.....	Feb. 13	"	Sherburne's	"
Robinson, Benjamin .....	.....	.....	"	Light's.....	"
Rowe, Daniel .....	.....	.....	"	Prescott's..	"
Rowe, Nathan.....	Hampton Falls	.....	"	" .....	"
Rowe, Robert .....	.....	.....	"	" .....	"
Richardson, Samuel .....	.....	.....	"	Hale's .....	"
Ring, Eliphilet.....	Portsmouth.....	Feb. 13	"	" .....	"
Roberts, Samuel .....	Dover.....	"	"	" .....	"
Roberts, Thomas .....	" .....	"	"	" .....	"
Rowell, Enoch.....	Chester .....	"	"	Williams's.	"
Rand, William, Jr. ....	.....	.....	"	.....	"
<sup>9</sup> Rawlings, Joseph.....	Exeter .....	.....	"	.....	"
Read, Samuel.....	.....	.....	"	.....	"
Redman, Joseph.....	Hampton .....	.....	"	.....	"

<sup>1</sup> Taken prisoner, Aug. 1, promoted to Lieutenant. <sup>2</sup> Arm shot off. <sup>3</sup> Died.  
<sup>4</sup> Promoted to Lieutenant, Oct. 5, 1745. <sup>5</sup> Taken prisoner. <sup>6</sup> Promoted to Lieutenant, June 20, 1745. <sup>7</sup> Lost a leg. <sup>8</sup> Died April 12, 1746. <sup>9</sup> Wounded,

**From The Shirley Papers (The Massachusetts Governor William Shirley in 1745):**  
**“Capt. Jonathan Prescott's Company”**

(as reprinted in New Hampshire State Papers, NHSP V.5)

**SHIRLEY PAPERS.**

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Warren Stockbridge  
Jonathan Ambrose  
Samuel Sims  
Valentine Aylmer

Samuel Miller  
John McNeil  
John Adams

James McNeil  
Patrick Gault  
Robert Cunningham

*Capt. Jonathan Prescott's Company.*

Ensign Ezekiel Worthen  
Simon Moulton  
David Page  
Benjamin Tilton  
William Swain  
Joseph Prescott  
John Chapman  
Thomas Locke  
Nathan Dow  
Daniel Row  
Ephraim Stevens  
Ebenezer Gove  
Nathan Row

John Fellows  
William Clifford  
James Lovell  
Robert Row  
Charles Dow  
John Hutchens  
Daniel Ward  
Samuel Blake  
Joseph Weare  
Thomas Moulton  
Jonathan Choate  
Moses Davis

Joseph Weed  
John Ealet  
Jonathan Kimball  
Enoch Chase  
Thomas Chalis  
Paul Pressey  
Thomas Gimpson  
Joseph George  
Caleb Norton  
Samuel Eastman  
Robert Sweet  
William Davis

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also reprinted in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register v.25 p.268

<https://archive.org/stream/newenglandhistor25wate#page/548/mode/2up/search/prescott>

## 1745 June 17 Fortress Louisbourg Falls To The American Colonial Militia.

Coincidentally, it is the same day Capt. Jonathan is enlisted back home.

Had he known, he probably would not have gone.....and died.

He answered the call for reinforcements after Gov. Shirley told N.H. Gov. Wentworth that victory could be had if only they had more troops. He signs up June 17, not knowing of victory that very day; on July 1, he makes out his will, is replaced as Selectman, and possibly leaves shortly afterwards. Then - on **July 5** - Victory is publicly announced; by then, his fate was sealed.

Report of the New Hampshire Adjunct General, 1866 pp. 62-63

**Louisburg capitulated on the 17th of June, 1745, and "the Dunkirk of America" passed into the hands of the British Government. This event was hailed with delight throughout the colonies. The Assembly of New-Hampshire was in session when Gov. Wentworth received, by express, the news "of the surrender of Louisburg, from Lieut. General Pepperell. They immediately took action upon the subject, thus :**

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### PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

In the House of Representatives, July 5, 1745.

Whereas, His Excellency, by express, has this morning received advice from Lieut. General Pepperell and Col. Moore, of the surrender of Louisburg to the obedience of His Britannic Majesty, our most gracious sovereign, &c., which letters have been laid before this House: To show how much the reduction of this place has been at heart, and our joy at the reduction thereof—

Voted, That there be paid, with His Excellency's order, out of the money in the public treasury for the use of the expedition, twenty-five pounds, to make such public entertainment in the town of Portsmouth and at His Majesty's Fort William and Mary, as he shall think proper on this occasion.

D. PEIRCE, Clerk.

In Council : Eod'm Die—

Read and concurred : THEOD'E ATKINSON, Sec'y.

July 6, 1745.

Assented to :

B. WENTWORTH.

1745 JULY 5 Jonathan (Jr. or Sr?) Land Purchase (near N14? on p.45 map)  
If this is the Captain, then he hasn't left yet, and probably knows  
about the Louisbourg Victory.

(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds Bk .58 P.299)

To all People to whom these Pre-  
sents shall come Greeting Know ye that Joseph Wadleigh of  
Kensington in y<sup>t</sup>. Prov. of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>. in New England for and in  
consideration of a sum of five pounds in money to me in  
Hand before y<sup>t</sup>. Unsealing hereof well & truly paid by Jonathan  
Prescott of Kensington in y<sup>t</sup>. Prov. afores<sup>d</sup>. y<sup>t</sup>. Receipt  
excerpted

Wadleigh  
to  
Present

Southwest corner of y<sup>r</sup>. J<sup>r</sup>. Wadleigh Farm the now lies or  
runing Easterly by y<sup>r</sup>. Highway five rods & a half & then  
beginning at y<sup>r</sup>. afores<sup>d</sup>. Southwest corner runing Northerly  
by a way ten rods & from thence on a strait line Southerly to  
y<sup>r</sup>. Easterly end of y<sup>r</sup>. afores<sup>d</sup>. five rods & a half to have &  
to hold

excerpted

Seal dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July in Witness whereof I have here  
unto set my hand and seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July anno Domini  
1745 in y<sup>t</sup>. 18. year of his Maj<sup>t</sup>. Reign King George y<sup>r</sup>. a.  
Signed Sealed Deliv<sup>d</sup>.  
Joseph Wadleigh Seal

<https://nhintlaredo.fidlar.com/NHRockingham/AvaWeb/#!search>

1745 August 9

2 top officers (but not NH Regiment Commander Moore?) write to NH Provincial Government that they are **sending Captains Jonathan Prescott** and Waldron to them in the Capital, Portsmouth to present their needs; they're looking for extra support for the unexpected, unpopular and bewildering extended occupation which "by reason his majesty's pleasure is not known" (i.e, WHY?!)

(NHSP v.5 p.370)

**THE MEMORIAL** of ye Field officers, Catts & Subaltern officers of the New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Regiment now at Louisbourg, under the Comand of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lt. General Pepperell, Esq. To his Excellency the Governor & the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Council & House of Representatives of said Province: *Humbly sheweth,*

That those of s<sup>d</sup> Regiment who have been here during the siege, they are of opinion should be released, that they may return to their Native Country, for Reasons too many herein to Enumerate, shall therefore mention only one or two, & leave the others, of which you may be informed by those Gentlemen who wait on your Excellency & Honours with this: First then the men are almost naked & will be quite so before winter. Secondly, their wages are too inconsiderable to induce them to stay.

And whereas it has been tho't that a Number of the Americans must garrison the city & Fortifications of Louisbourg till the spring, by Reason his Majesty's Pleasure is not known; & we apprehending that a part of the men will be part of those which belong to New Hampshire & are now in the Pay of s<sup>d</sup> Province at s<sup>d</sup> City,— We have therefore tho't proper to send Messrs Waldron & Prescot, by leave of the Comander in Chief of said City, to lay before your Excellency & the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Council & House of Representatives, what we conceive is necessary to be done in that case for s<sup>d</sup> men, viz. That those who must tarry (if any) should have their wages augmented in such manner that they may not be sufferers: That they have proper cloathing sent to secure them from the inclemency of the weather in this Northern climate, which we are assured, is extreme cold and stormy for five or six months in the year, by sundry of the French Gentlemen, who many years past have been Inhabiters of this City; That they also have proper Beding, with sacks of straw in lieu of Beds afforded them, with such other things as those Persons shall Evince to you to be Reasonable for said men, and your Memorialists shall, as in Duty bound, ever Pray (1).

Sign'd at Louisbourg. Aug<sup>st</sup> 9th 1745

NATHL. MESERVE  
EZEKL. GILMAN

Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.
James Whidden,	Ezekiel Pitman	Henry Montgomery
Jacob Tilton,	Jonathan Folsom	Ezekiel Worthan
John Furnell	Moses Sleeper	Jeremiah Veasey
Sam <sup>l</sup> Hale	Rich <sup>d</sup> Mattoon	Thos <sup>s</sup> Newmarch
..... (2)	Nath <sup>l</sup> Fellows	Jacob Merrill
John Light	John Flagg	Edmund Brown
John Lare	Sam. White.	Joseph Sleeper
Daniel Macgregore		Ezekiel Pitman jun.
Jonathan Prescott		Daniel Wormall.

As printed in New Hampshire State Papers, Volume 8, Pages 238-239

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[*Statement of the Condition of the Men at Louisbourg, 1745.*]

To His Excellency the Governor, the Honorable the Council, and House of Representatives, of His Majesties Province of New Hampshire.—

As we are refer'd to, in the preceeding Memorial, to give further Information, touching the State of our Soldiers; and authorized thereby, to Sollicit the Honorable Court in their behalf; we humbly crave Leave, to offer this, as a Supplement thereto.—

Besides the almost Naked Condition of those of our Troops, who went first to Cape Breton; Some of them are So enfeebled, by reason of the Length and Hardships of the Siege, & for want of necessary Comforts, in the Time of it, as renders them unfit for further Service, till Recruited; others are Languishing under Sicknesses, of Various kinds, and most of them, are overrun with Lice, for want of Change of Apparel, which renders their Case still more uncomfortable, Whereupon, we humbly recommend, those Poor but brave men, to your Excellency's & Honour's wise, Just, and Compassionate Consideration, Earnestly beseeching, that Such of them as desire it, may be immediatly dismiss'd, and bro't back to their Native Country, their Families, & Friends; that it may never be Said, they bravely fought themselves into a Prison; for, what Else can be Said of it If they are Compell'd to tarry, after the Expedition is Ended, as we apprehend it is, and that in a most Compleat and effectual Manner: For that, His Excellencys Proclamation of the 2 of February Last, proposed an Expedition, for the Reduction of the French Settlements, on the Island of Cape Breton, & not for the garrisoning of them; and the Enlistment, was in Consequence thereof, (namely,) for Reducing, & not for garrisoning, and we humbly appeal, to your Excellency's & Honors Judgment, whether, reducing and garrisoning, be not two things, quite different, and Distinct from each other; and if so,

whether the Troops of the first Embarkation, mayn't demand a discharge, as a Right and Justice due to them, instead of Solliciting for it, as an Act of Grace. But, on the other hand, if it Should be Said, that by the Expedition was meant and intended, that Louisbourg Should be garrison'd (in case of Success,) by those who should reduce it ; It may be Answer'd, that Such Intention, cant Rationally be Extended further, than till other Troops, might be rais'd to relieve them ; and more than three Months, is already Pass'd, Since the Surrender ; a Space doubly Sufficient for that Purpose. —

We take Leave further to Propose, that in Consideration, the Plunder (which was expected would be great,) turns out, to be but a very Trifle, they May have an additional Grant of Bounty, as a further Reward, of their Toil, Hazard, and Bravery, as the Massachusetts Troops have already had. —

As to those, whose Lot may be to tarry over the Winter, Whether by Choice, or Compulsion, (if any Should be Compell'd so to Do,) We humbly propose, that besides an Augmentation of their Wages, and a Grant of Apparell, and Bedding, Suitable for the Climate and Season ; they May have an Augmentation of their allowance of Rum & Molasses, to half a Pint of Each, for Each Man  $\frac{3}{4}$  Day, and a Couple of Quarts of Small Beer also, the Waters there, being exceeding bad, and very unwholesome to Drink ; that there may be a Surplus of Stores, of all kinds, to be Purchased of the Commissary, at a Stated Price, and that there may be a Provision of Physic, as well as of Food & Cloathing ; and that Each Cap<sup>t</sup> may have a Copy, of the Invoices of the Stores & Cloaths Sent for the Soldiers, with the Prices of those Commodities, that may be Sent for Sale ; that the Care, the Justice, & the goodness of the Honorable Court, may be made known to every individual Man. —

As the Season of the year is far advanced, and the Soldiers greatly distress'd ; Some For Want of a Discharge, and other for want of Necessarys and Conveniencies, to make their Lives Comfortable, We humbly Pray, that what we have offered, may have the earliest Consideration & Dispatch, that is Possible.

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T W Waldron  
Jonathan Prescut

Portsmouth Sept<sup>t</sup> 24 1745

And as re-printed in Roll of New Hampshire Men at Louisburg, Cape Breton, 1745

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*Waldron* \*\*

Portsmouth Sep 24 1745

Jonathan Prent

mes<sup>r</sup>. Waldron & Prent  
their Suppl<sup>r</sup>. Petition  
1745

Thomas Westbrook Waldron

answering

Memorial of T. C. Waldron  
& Sons Petition  
Portm<sup>t</sup> Sept 24, 1745.

These appear to be their authentic signatures.  
Handwriting suggests Waldron did the writing.

## And On This Very Day, September 24 1745, The Governor Urges The Assembly To Provide More Support To The Louisbourg Mission.

(...and criticizes Prescott's commander Moore.)

(NHSP v.5 p.371; excerpted)

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[P. 265.]

Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 1745.

*Governor's Message.*

[Copied from MS. "Governor's Messages," Vol. I, p. 363.]

*Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

I shall also lay before you his Excellency Governor Shirley's letter of the second of this month from which you may be apprized of the State of the Troops in the pay of this Government, and how necessary it is to provide for so many as shall remain the ensuing Winter, for the Protection of the city of Louisbourg, & the Battery thereon depending, and consult any thing else that may contribute to their comfortable subsistance.

Coll<sup>o</sup> Moore ought to have given me an exact account of the number of our Troops destined to remain there the winter season, but by his letter which you will herewith receive, it will appear how deficient he has been in that point w<sup>ch</sup> I attribute to the uncertainty of any troops arriving from England this Fall.

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[1745.]

services. If something of this nature is not done, few will be able with their whole wages to put themselves in the same state, with respect to their cloathing as when they entered into the service, which deserves your consideration, & shall merit my attention.

Since the surrender of the city of Louisburg I think it of absolute necessity

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pp378-9: More support voted except for Col. Moore personally who is being "recalled" (somebody's in trouble); he replies on pp777-8. Apparently they blame him for the soldiers' plight. A flurry of Louisburg support from the Provincial Government ensues in the following weeks.

1745 September 27 Reference is made to the Prescott-Waldron plea (NHSP (v.5 p.376)

Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1745.

The House met according to adjournment. Mr. Secretary bro't into y<sup>e</sup> House y<sup>e</sup> Petition of Selathiel Denbow praying for such further allowance for his being formerly crippled in y<sup>e</sup> Canada Expedition as y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Court shall think proper, and y<sup>e</sup> Petition & memorial of y<sup>e</sup> officers at Louisbourg & *A Supplement thereto signed by*

{ T. W. Waldron  
Jonath Prescott

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1745 October 5 Assembly Votes To Authorize "Capt. Jonathan Prescut" To Draw  
Cash Directly From The Treasury – Apparently Unusually – For His Men  
(and if he forgets, to be held "accountable...upon Pain...")  
(NHSP v.5 p.386; excerpted)

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Saturday Octo<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1745, A. M.

The House met according to adjournment.

A Bill for granting to his most Excellent Majesty y<sup>e</sup> sum of 8000£ towards y<sup>e</sup> support of y<sup>e</sup> Garrison of Louisbourg being read a second Time, and then adjourned for a Quar<sup>r</sup> of an Hour.

Met according to adjournment, A. M.

Voted, That there be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> Treasury of y<sup>e</sup> money for y<sup>e</sup> Expedition to y<sup>e</sup> officers & soldiers or their order that last went on y<sup>e</sup> Expedition to Louisbourg as a Reinforcement provided they have been so long in y<sup>e</sup> Service, two months wages. And that Capt. Jonathan Prescut who is from Louisbourg to provide necessary stores for his company now at Louisbourg have Liberty to Draw out of y<sup>e</sup> Treasury for each of his officers & soldiers belonging to his company two months wages as above to provide private stores &c for his men & that he give a Rec<sup>t</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> sum he shall receive & to be accountable to each of his men for y<sup>e</sup> same upon Pain of refunding said sums.

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**LATER THAT SAME DAY, the Governor and Council concurs to "giving liberty to Capt. Prescot" to draw cash directly from the treasury to deliver to his men.**

(NHSP v.5 p.779; excerpted)

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[p. 359.] Saturday Octo. 5<sup>th</sup> 1745. Met according to adjournment.

Present [as before.]

Mr. Wear from the House bro't up a vote for enabling the Committee appointed for sending stores to Lewisbourg to receive money into the Treasury for that end which was read at the board the Council and assented to by the Governour.

A vote of the House for giving liberty to Capt. Prescot (1) to receive out of the Treasury two months wages for the men in his company to Purchase such stores for them as they had sent for by him and alsoe Two months for the other soldiers if so much Due [p. 361.] to them — which vote was read at the board & concurr'd by the Council & assented to by the Governour.

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# The Original

(NH House Journal, NHCArchives)

Role for Paying the  
Last Reinforcement to  
the Capt. Prentiss men  
Octo 5 M<sup>r</sup> 1745  
Copyd Octo 9 M<sup>r</sup>

Saturday Octo 5<sup>th</sup> 1745 — A.M —  
The House adjourn'd 'till tomorrow 9 O'Clock  
The House Met according to adjournment  
a Bill for granting to his most Excellent Majesty a sum of  
8000 £ toward of Support of a Garrison of Louisbourg —  
being read a second time — and then adjourned for a Quarter of an Hour  
met according to adjournment A.M —

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Jno. Bell Esq. & Mr. Henry Sherburne and being appointed  
 a Comtee to join & to provide Provisions &c for 130 Soldiers &c  
 to be kept at Louisbourg eight months & to cause of Provisions  
 to be transported to Louisbourg aforesaid & to transact every other  
 Affairs &c so forth Took an Oath for of Discharge of S. Trust  
 to best of their Capacity —

That there be paid out of Treasury of Money for Expedition  
 to of Officers & Soldiers on their order that last went on of  
 Expedition to Louisbourg as a Reinforcement provided they have  
 been so long in Service two months Wages And that Capt  
 Jonathan Present who is come from Louisbourg to provide  
 necessary Stores for his Company Now at Louisbourg have  
 Liberty to Draw out of Treasury for each of his Officers  
 & Soldiers belonging to his Company two months Wages as  
 above to provide private Stores &c for his men & that he  
 give a Rec't to of Treasurer for of S. sum, he shall receive &  
 to be accountable to each of his men for of same upon Demand  
 of refunding said sums —

## The “Capt. Jonathan Prescut” Section & Signed “Assent” By Governor Wentworth

(Note it is for 84 Pounds for "himself + 30 -----")

(NH House Journal, NHSArchives)

Province of N-Hampsh. In the House of Representatives Octo. 5. 1745  
Voted - That there be no out of  $\frac{1}{4}$  money in  $\frac{1}{4}$  Publick <sup>Required</sup> Ex-  
pedition to  $\frac{1}{4}$  Officers & Soldiers or their Order that last went  
on  $\frac{1}{4}$  Expedition, to Louisbourg, as a Reinforcement pro-  
vided they have been so long in  $\frac{1}{4}$  Service two months  
Wages - and that Capt. Jonathan Frost who is come  
from Louisbourg to provide  $\frac{1}{4}$  necessary Stores for his  
Company Now at Louisbourg have Liberty to Draw  
out of  $\frac{1}{4}$  Treasury for each of his Officers & Soldiers belonging  
to his Company two months Wages as above to provide  
private Stores &c for his men, & that he give a Recit  
to  $\frac{1}{4}$  Treasurer for  $\frac{1}{4}$  S<sup>d</sup>. sum, he shall receive & to be  
accountable to each of his men for  $\frac{1}{4}$  same, upon Pain  
of refunding said sum -

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Rodgers, Julian's Read

of course

Theodore Whittier Ledyard

London Apended to

W. W. W.

Warr 30<sup>th</sup> Octo  
to Capt Prentiss for £81-  
for himself & 30 Centenally

1745 November 20 - Official Muster Roll of his company at Louisbourg, in which "Jonathan Prescott, Captain" is apparently listed as "Gone Home On Furlough". Apparently, because that phrase is arguably adjacent to two other names, Dow or Hutchins.

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Report of the New Hampshire Adjunct General, 1866 p.66  
**ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S REPORT.**

*Captain Prescott's Company.*

Jonathan Prescott, Captain,	Charles Dow,
(Gone home on furlough.)	
Ezekiel Worthen,	Ensign,
Simon Moulton,	Daniel Ward,
David Page,	Sam'l Blake,
Benj. Tilton,	Joseph Weare, (sick)
William Swain,	Thomas Moulton,
Joseph Prescot,	Jona. Choate, (sick)
John Chapman,	Moses Davis, "
Thomas Lock,	Joseph Weed, "
Nathan Dow,	John Ealet,
Daniel Rowe,	Jona. Kimball,
Ephraim Stevens,	Enoch Chase,
Eben Gove,	Thomas Chalis,
Nathan Rowe,	Paul Pressey,
John Fellows,	Thos. Gimpson,
William Clifford,	Joseph George,
James Lovell,	Caleb Norton,
Joseph Gove,	Sam'l Eastman,
John Prescot,	Robert Sweet,
Robert Rowe,	William Davis.

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=nyp.33433081902300&view=1up&seq=110>

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Col. Moore's Company,	48 men,	sick, 3
✓ Capt. Fellows'	43 "	" 3
✓ Capt. Light's "	47 "	" 5
Capt. Sherburn's "	29 "	" 1
✓ Capt. Prescott's "	40 "	" 4
Capt. Hale's "	32 "	" 1
Capt. Williams' "	18 "	" 1
	—	—
	257	18 sick
In the Massachusetts pay,	51	men in ye
	—	Reg't.
In New-Hampshire pay,	208	
Louisburg, Nov. 20, 1745.		
SAM'L MOORE, Colonel.		

1746 January 18 CAPTAIN JONATHAN PRESCOTT  
R.I.P.

(NEHGR vol 58 p136)

DEATHS IN HAMPTON, N. H., 1727-1735.

Communicated by REV. JOHN W. LANE, of North Hadley, Mass.

[Concluded from page 36.]

AN ACCOUNT OF THE DEATHS AMONG US THE YEAR 1746

febr 12: mr Jonathan Elkins Died

on Lords Day febr 23: arived the malencholy tidings of the Death of  
several young men y<sup>t</sup> belonged to this town that Died at Cape  
breton namely Jabez Towl: Abner Samborn James marston,  
Nathaniel Wear and William Hews & David moulton

as also Cap<sup>t</sup> Prescut of Kensington and Simon moulton of Chester

<https://archive.org/stream/newenglandhisto31unkngoog#page/n153/mode/1up>

1745/6 January 18 Death Entry in Kensington town records (Kensington Library Vault)

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January the eighteenth 1745/6 Died the  
honourable Capt Jonathan Prescut at Cape  
breton in the fiftyth year of his age  
The Rev<sup>nd</sup> Seremically Fog<sup>g</sup> departed this life  
December 1<sup>st</sup> 1789 Aged 77, and in the 52<sup>nd</sup> year of  
his Ministry.

1746 January 18 Death Entry in Kensington church records (Kensington Library Vault)

Year	Date	Name	Age
1745	Sept 3	Children of Ezekiel Northern	sore throat
	Oct 26	Phoebe Daughter of Ebenezer Gove	11 "
	29	2 Children of Isaac Fellows	" "
	29	Child of Widow Hardy	infant "
		Child of Moses Shan	" "
		Child of Plilemon Blake	18 "
1746	Jan 18	Jonathan Prescott	9 "
	Feb 3	Child Luther Morgan	11 "

1746 April 30 Captain Jonathan Prescott's Will Of July 1, 1745, "Proved" (official)  
(interestingly, the name is spelled in the will as prescott, presscott, prescut, prescutt)

NHSP Vol.33 p.272-75

JONATHAN PRESCOTT 1745

KENSINGTON

In the Name of God Amen. This first Day of July Anno Domini 1745. I Jonathan Presscot of the Parish of Kensington in the Province of New Hampshire in New England Gentleman,

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Item. I give & bequeath unto Judith my beloved Wife all my Moveables within Doors to her & her Heirs for ever. Also the Improvement of the one Half of all my Real Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton falls during her Widow-Hood, or being my Widow.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son Jonathan Presscot, & unto his Heirs & Assigns for ever; He paying out as hereafter Mentioned, the one Half of all my Lands Marsh & Meadow, or

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Real-Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton falls. And he to come into the Possession of that Part which is given to his Mother, at her Day of Marriage, or Death. Also a Sixth Part of a whole Original Right, except the Home Lot, laying in the Township of Chester in s<sup>d</sup> Province.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son Jesse, and unto his Heirs & Assigns for ever, He paying out as hereafter mentioned, the other Half of all my Lands Marsh & Meadow, or real Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton falls, & he to come into the Possession of that Part which is given to his Mother, at her Day of Marriage or Death.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my two Sons Nathan Gove, & Micha & unto their Heirs & Assigns for ever, All my Estate in Housings & Lands lying in the Parish of Epping in said Province of New Hampshire, to be equally divided betwixt them.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Sons Jonathan, Jesse, Nathan Gove, & Micha, & unto their Heirs & Assigns for ever, all my Estate or Rights of Land lying in the Township of Gilman-Town in s<sup>d</sup> Province, equally to be divided Amongst them; If either of s<sup>d</sup> Sons should die before he come to the Age of Twenty-one Years, then his Part shall be equally divided to and among my surviving Sons.

Item. My Will is that my Son Jonathan pay One hundred Pounds new Tenor to the Bank of this Province, where I am obliged.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Miriam & her Heirs one hundred Pounds old Tenor, to be paid by my Son Jonathan at her Day of Marriage, or twenty one Years of Age, which shall first happen.

Item. I give unto my Daughter Judith Row Ten Pounds old Tenor, She having receiv'd considerable allready, & to be paid unto her or her Heirs within one Year after my decease by my Son Jesse.

Item. I give unto my Daughter Abigail, & unto her Heirs One hundred Pounds old Tenor, to be paid by my Son Jesse

at her Day of Marriage, or twenty one Years, which shall first happen.

Item. I give unto my Daughters, Elizabeth, Rachel & Jemima, & unto each of them, & unto each of their Heirs One hundred Pounds old Tenor to be paid unto them & each of them, & unto each of their Heirs by my Son Jesse at their particular Day or Days of Marriage or twenty one Years of Age, which shall first happen.

Item. I do hereby constitute & ordain my Wife Judith & my Son Jonathan Presscot Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby revoke all & every other Testament & Will heretofore by me named & willed, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I the said Jonathan Presscot have hereunto set my Hand & Seal, the Day & Year above written.

N B where it is said I give to my Daughters Elizabeth, Rachel & Jemima & unto each of them, & unto each of their Heirs One Hundred Pounds old Tenor the meaning is that I give Elizabeth one hundred Pounds old Tenor, & Rachel one Hundr<sup>d</sup> Pounds old Tenor, & Jemima One hundred Pounds Old Tenor, & if they or either of them die before they come of Age, y<sup>t</sup> then their hundred Pounds Should be given to their Heirs

furthermore it is my will that if my wife Dies before the young children are capable to maintain themselves that they Shall be brought up out of the half of the Estate which my wife was to have y<sup>a</sup> Improvement of During her widow hood

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the s<sup>d</sup>  
Jonathan Presscot to be his last  
Will & Testament in presence of  
us

Joseph Tilton  
Abraham Prescott  
Benjamin Row  
[Proved April 30, 1746.]

[Warrant, April 30, 1746, authorizing Meshech Weare and Samuel Prescott, both of Hampton Falls, to appraise the estate.]  
[Probate Records, vol. 17, p. 8.]

[Inventory, May 26, 1746; amount, £5045.5.6; signed by Meshech Weare and Samuel Prescott; mentions Jonathan Prescott, father of the deceased.]

[Additional inventory, signed by Samuel Prescott and John Batchelder; amount, £205.12.0; attested June 18, 1747.]

[Account of Jonathan Prescott, Richard Sanborn, and his wife, Judith Sanborn, of the settlement of the estate; receipts, £1125.15.6; expenditures, £855.4.0; allowed July 25, 1753.]

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On the Name of God Amen. This first Day of July Anno Domini 1755. I Jonathan Precept of the Parish of Kensington in the Province of New Hampshire in New England. Gentleman, being of sound Mind & Memory, but calling to Mind my Mortality do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament, that is to say principally & first of all I recommend my Soul into the Hands of God who gave it, hoping thro' the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ to inherit everlasting Life. And my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Buried, at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named. And as touch my such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, I give devise & dispose of the same, in the following Manner.

First. I will that all my just Debts that I owe to any Person or Persons be well & truly paid by my Executors hereafter named in convenient Time after my Decease.

Item. I give & bequeath unto Judith my beloved Wife all my Moveables within Doors to her & her Heirs for ever. Also the Improvement of the one Half of all my Real Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton Falls during her Widowhood, or being my Widow.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son Jonathan Precept, unto his Heirs & Assigns for ever, the paying out as hereafter mentioned, the one Half of all my Lands Marsh & Meadow, or Real Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton Falls. And he to come into the Possession of that Part which is given to his Mother, at her Day of Marriage, or Death. Also a sixth Part of a whole Original Right, except the Home Lot, lying in the Township of Chester in said Province.

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Item. I give unto my Daughters Elizabeth, Rachel & Semima, unto each of them & unto each of their Heirs One hundred Pounds old Tenor to be paid unto them & each of them, & unto each of their Heirs by my Son Joseph at their particular Day or Days of Marriage or twenty one years of age, which shall first happen.

Item. I do hereby constitute & ordain my Wife Judith & my Son Jonathan Proscot Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby revoke all & every other Testament & Will heretofore by me named & willed, ratify ing & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testa ment. In witness whereof I the said Jonathan Proscot have hereunto set my Hand & Seal, the Day & year above written. 

NB the words before & her Heirs were interlined before signing 

Signed Sealed published & pronounced and declared by the s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Proscot to be his last Will & Testament in presence of us 

Joseph Sitter   
Worham Proscot  
Benjamin Row

As where it is said I give to my Daughters Elizabeth, Rachel & Semima & unto each of them & unto each of their Heirs One hundred Pounds old Tenor, the meaning is that I give Elizabeth one hundred Pounds old Tenor, & Rachel one hundred Pounds old Tenor & Semima One hundred Pounds old Tenor, & if they or either of them die before they come of age, & their Heirs hundred Pounds should be given to their Heirs.

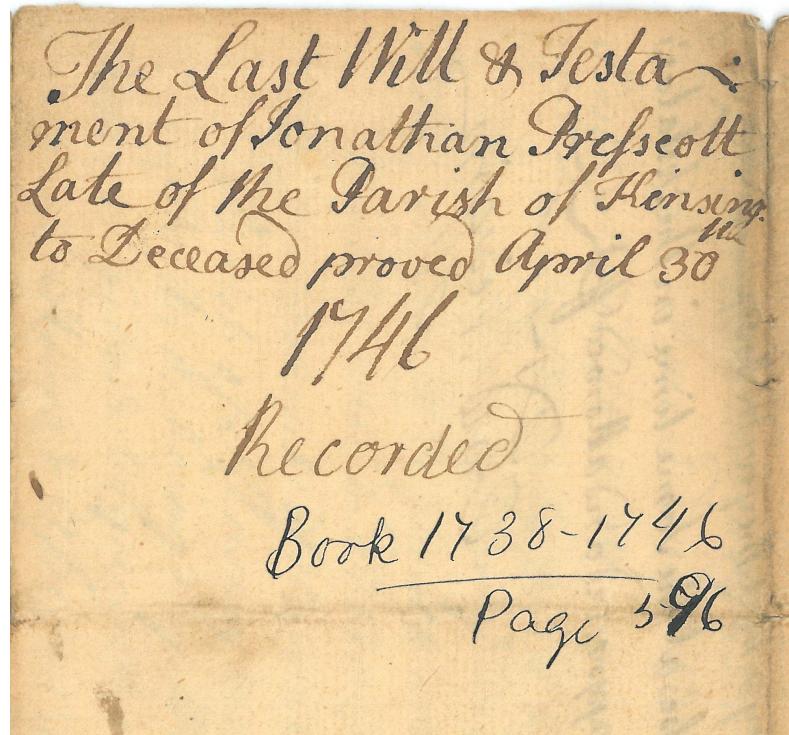
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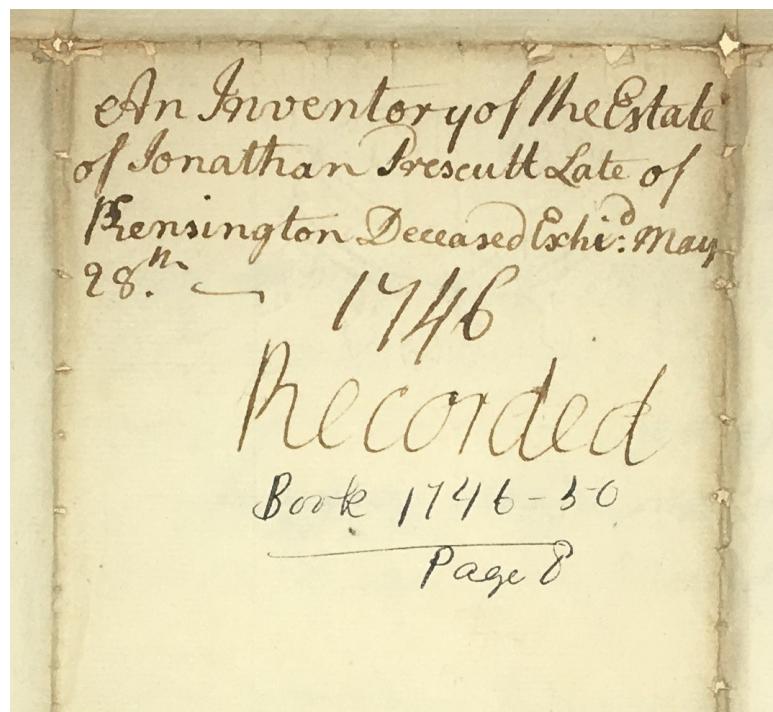
Worham Proscot  
Benjamin Row

Jonathan Proscot 

**Cover Page Of Captain Jonathan "Presscott"'s Proved Will**  
(NHSArchives)



**1746 May 28 Inventory Cover Of Captain Jonathan's Estate**  
(NHSArchives)



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An Inventory of the Estate of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Prescott late of  
Kensington in the Province of New Hampshire Deceased as it was appraised  
by M<sup>r</sup> Fletcher Ware and Samuel Prescott May 26<sup>th</sup> Anno Domini 1746  
Pursuant to a Warrant from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Judge of Probate &c.

Item <sup>s</sup>	To the Home Place Containing about Eighty five acres of <sup>old</sup> Land with two Houses two Barns & other Buildings &c.	£ 2875-0-0
Item	To a Piece of Land containing about fifteen acres Lying at a Place called Red Oak Ridge in Kensington aforesaid	270-0-0
	To a Piece of Salt Marsh containing about four acres Lying in Hampton falls formerly Isaac Afferd marsh the Income of which fully belongs to Jonathan Prescott father of <sup>deceased</sup> During his life	50-0-0
	To a Piece of Land lying in the Parish of Eping Containing about Eighty acres Bought of Moses Conner and others with a Barn on the same	660-0-0
	To a Piece of Land of about twenty acres Lying in said Eping in the same Range with the Eighty acres	100-0-0
	To a Sixth Part of an Original Right in the Township of Chester Except the Home Lott	120-0-0
	To a Right in the Township of Gilmanston	50-0-0
	To Husbandry Tools	48-8-0
	To Blacksmiths Tools and old Iron	37-15-0
	To a Cider Mill & Press & appurtenances	12-0-0
	To One Horse	40-0-0
	To a Saddle Bridle & Bition	6-15-0
	To two Oxen	35-0-0
	To Seven Cows	84-0-0
	To two three year old Steers	30-0-0
	To four year olds	22-0-0
	To five Calves	10-0-0
	To thirty one Sheep and lambs	35-0-0
	To Swine	15-10-0
	To a Gun Carriagebox & Powder Horn	9-3-0
	To one Feather Bed & Beding & furniture	23-0-0
	To Another Feather Bed and Beding	30-0-0
	To Another Feather Bed and Beding	20-0-0
	To Other Beds and Beding	24-0-0
	Carriage over £ 607-11-0	

1747 June Additional Inventory Of Captain Jonathan's Estate (NHSArchives)

A true inventory of part of the 1251 Personal Estate of Capt Jonathan Present Late of Kensington deceased sold tenor imprisoned to againe - - - - -	
to a sword and belt - - - - -	3 - 10 - 0
to a cane - - - - -	2 - 0 - 0
to a fanoo - - - - -	15 - 0 - 0
to a bag - - - - -	01 - 0 - 0
to a silver plater - - - - -	01 - 4 - 0
to old silver - - - - -	00 - 4 - 0
to tin vessels - - - - -	00 - 4 - 0
to a old Razors - - - - -	00 - 1 - 0
to a spoon - - - - -	00 - 1 - 6
to a teapoozer - - - - -	00 - 2 - 6
to a old cap - - - - -	00 - 2 - 0
to a pair of scyphards - - - - -	01 - 10 - 0
to an old neck band - - - - -	00 - 4 - 0
money old tenor - - - - -	128 - 16 - 0
forty one pounds thirteen shillings - - - - -	41 - 18 - 0
due by note and bond - - - - -	205 - 12 - 0
 Received Book 1746-50 Page 191	
Samuel Present John Batchelder	
Province of New Hampshire whereas John Batchelder and Samuel Present were authorized and empowered by the honourable Judge of Probate for said Province to apprise you of the Personal estate of Capt Jonathan Present late of Kensington deceased did this eighteenth day of June appear and make oath to the above inventory and that they apprized every thing that was shewn to them by the executrix to the best of their judgement before	
Ezekiel Dow Justice of Peace	

# 1753 July 25 Account Of Administration Of Captain Jonathan's Estate

(NHSArchives)

The Account of Jonathan Prescott and Richard Sanborn & Judith his Wife which said Jonathan & Judith are Executors of the last Will & Testament of Capt. Jonathan Prescott late of Kensington deceased Exhibit July 25 1753  
The said Accountants charge themselves with the Personal Estate of the said Testator as per Inventory exhibited amounting to £12545. 6

Province of New Hampshire Court of Probate held at Portsmouth New Hampshire on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1753 before the Hon. Andrew Wiggin Esq; Judge of the Probate of Wills &c for said Province <sup>his</sup> due to being examined before by Proper Officers & the said Capt. Jonathan & Richard Sanborn & Judith his Wife  
Whereas the said Capt. Jonathan & Richard Sanborn & Judith his Wife have allowed for

And Wiggin  
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And prays for Allowance of the following Articles of Discharge  
By paid at the Court of Probate for procuring the Will £15  
By time & expences in going to Portsmouth to prove the Will A-0-0  
By paid the Appraisers for taking the Inventory 12-8-0-0  
Expences on them <sup>for</sup> 2-0-0  
By fees at the Court when take the Inventory 2-0-0  
By time & expences ~~in~~ in going to Court 4-0-0  
By paid for copy of Will & Inventory 2-0-0  
By paid for bringing up a Child four years & an half two hundred & thirty four Weeks at 2s per Week 284-0-0  
By cash paid Joshua Gilman 10-0-0  
By Ditto Jonathan Cam 1-0-0  
By Ditto Benjamin Cam 2-18-6  
By Ditto Charles Dow 10-0-0  
By Ditto to William Swain 10-0-0  
By Ditto to Simon Garland 0-14-0  
By Ditto to John Hutchinson 12-0-0  
By Ditto to Benjamin Butter 10-0-0  
By Ditto to Mad<sup>r</sup> Elizabeth Parsons 62-10-0  
By Ditto Daniel Howard 1-0-0  
By Ditto John Robinson 1-0-0  
By Ditto Joshua Prescott 3-12-0  
By Ditto George Taffy Esq<sup>r</sup> 5-0-0  
By Ditto Capt T Walbran 12-10-0  
By Do Samuel Blake 0-15-0  
By Do Thomas Knolton 10-0-0  
By Do Jane Stephens 10-0-0  
By Do John Fellows 10-0-0  
By Do David Page 5-0-0  
By Do Abraham Sanburn 2-2-0  
By Do John Sleeper 5-11-0  
By Do John Lovrin 6-5-0  
By Do Ebenezer good paid to Joseph Dear 10-0-0  
By Do Mad<sup>r</sup> Eliza Parsons 50-0-0  
By Do Joshua Gilman 3-10-0  
By Do Eliza Mudgett 1-19-3  
By Do Robert Row 0-12-0  
By Do Caleb Gilman 2-5-0  
By Do Margaret Ward 4-16-0  
By Do John Sherburne 26-10-6  
By a Note which was Inventoryed ~~but~~ lost thro' Insolency 9-10-0  
By time & trouble & expences in being one of the Notes that was Inventoryed 1-10-0  
By household Goods given the Widow in the Second Will amounting to £238. 01-0  
By time & expences in collecting Debts due to Capt. Jonathan & Richard Sanborn & Judith his Wife for the Estate & carrying on the Administration 40-0-0  
By paid for drawing this Account 1-10-0  
Carried forward £840 04 10

1753 July 25 Account of Administration Summary of Captain Jonathan's Estate  
(NHSArchives)

Articles of Discharge brot over £ 840 4 0  
By a journey to Portsmouth to exhibit this Account being 3 Sessions 10 0 0  
By fees for Examining allowing 3 0 0  
Recording this Account 3 0 0  
By paid for a copy of this Account 1 0 0  
Ball. in the adm. hand 8 55 74 00  
27 0 11 06  
112 5 15 06

1753 July 25 Account of Administration Of Captain Jonathan's Estate (cover)

Jonathan Prescott's Accts  
of admint' of the Estate of Capt  
Prescott late of Kensington deceased  
25 July 1753  
Recorded  
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## A Minor Mystery Solved

### Jonathan Prescott Death Record #1

(NH Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics)

Name	Capt. Jonathan Prescott		
Place of Death	Cape Breton		
Date of Death	Jan. 18	1745	
Age: Years	.....	Months	.....
Days	.....		
Place of Birth	.....		
Sex	M	Color	.....
Married, Single, Widowed, or Divorced,		}	
Occupation			
Cause of Death			
.....			
Place of Burial			
Name of Father			
Maiden Name of Mother			
Birthplace of Father			
Birthplace of Mother			
Occupation of Father			
Name and Address of Physician (or other person) reporting said Death.			
.....			
Reported from			
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.			
I hereby certify that the above death record is a correct transcript as required by Chap. 21, Session Laws, 1905.			
Herbert M. Prescott			
Clerk of Kensington			
Date Aug 26 1905			

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-63J9-BSB?i=792&wc=QZV2-292%3A1042767901%3Fcc%3D1601211&cc=1601211>

This is a Death Record in the “Index To Death Records Prior to 1900, Bureau Vital Records and Health Statistics, Concord, New Hampshire”, on page 793. We see it was written and dated August 26, 1905....150 years after the Captain died. A Herbert M. Prescott, then Town Clerk of Kensington, certifies, pursuant to a new state law, that this record is a “correct transcript” of the death of “Capt. Jonathan Prescott” in “Cape Breton”, on “Jan. 18, 1745” (sic).

BUT.....on page 800 in the same volume, another certificate appears:

## Jonathan Prescott Death Record #2

(NH Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics)

Name.....	Jonathan Prescott		
Place of Death.....	Kensington, N.H.		
Date of Death.....	Jan 18	1745	
Age: Years, .....	Months, .....	Days, .....	
Place of Birth.....			
Sex.....	Male	Color.....	Married, Single, Widowed, or Divorced,
Occupation.....			
Cause of Death.....			
Place of Burial.....			
Name of Father.....			
Maiden Name of Mother.....			
Birthplace of Father.....			
Birthplace of Mother.....			
Occupation of Father.....			
Name and Address of Physician (or other person) reporting said Death.			
Rev. Jeremiah Fogg Kensington, N.H.			
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.			
<i>I hereby certify that the above death record is a correct transcript as required by Chap. 21, Session Laws, 1905.</i>			
Herbert M. Prescott Clerk of..... Kensington, N.H.			
Date..... Sept 12 1905			

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Dated Sept 12, 1905, the same Kensington Town Clerk Herbert M. Prescott now certifies as a “correct transcript” of a “Jonathan Prescot” also as dying on Jan. 18, 1745.... but, Place Of Death in “**Kensington, NH**”.

A Rev. Jeremiah Fogg of Kensington is “reporting said death”.

Did Town Clerk Prescott have reason to believe that Captain Jonathan actually died in Kensington or was buried in Kensington? Afterall, Rev. Fogg was the Kensington Church Pastor at the time and could have had knowledge of both events; this is the same Fogg that Jonathan was assigned to meet as we have seen on March 3, 1742 & March 1, 1743. Also, were any dead Louisbourg militiamen brought home for burial?

Death Certificate #1 appears to reflect the death entry that Town Clerk Prescott saw in the previously posted **1745/6 January 18 Death Entry In Kensington Town Records** (in which, coincidentally, Fogg's death entry appears right after Captain Jonathan's).

Death Certificate #2 appears to reflect the death entry that Town Clerk Prescott saw in the previously posted **1746 January 18 Death Entry In Kensington Church Records**. Rev.Fogg's church book does not mention Cape Breton as place of death and is thus assumed by Town Clerk Prescott to mean Kensington, like the other entries.

These two entries account for the two different death certificates written by the same person!.....AND A Prescott at that!

These certificates are also found in:

[http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=FSNewHampshireDeath&h=211252&indiv=try&o\\_cvc=Image:OtherRecord&requr=303465209561088&ur=o](http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=FSNewHampshireDeath&h=211252&indiv=try&o_cvc=Image:OtherRecord&requr=303465209561088&ur=o)

# SO, JUST WHERE IS CAPTAIN JONATHAN PRESCOTT? He's Almost Certainly Buried on Rochefort Point, Fortress Louisbourg

From : annemarie.lanejonah@pc.gc.ca

To : prescotd@juno.com

Cc : Louisbourg.Info@pc.gc.ca

Subject: Re: Fw: Burial Sites

Date: Wed, Apr 17, 2013 07:31 AM

Goodmorning,

The New England burials were not marked because of the nature of the event, an epidemic of dysentery and/or typhus, but we do know of their approximate location. They took place on Rochefort Point, on the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site, just outside the Fortress walls. This area can be visited as part of the "Ruins Walk." There is a GPS guided tour available through our guide service that provides more in depth information about events in that area, including burials. There is a monument on Rochefort Point placed by the Massachusetts Society of Colonial Wars in 1895 to commemorate the New England soldiers who died at Louisbourg. As well there are a series of panels explaining a mass grave associated with the epidemic found on that point. This discovery has lead to considerable research on the soldiers from New England. This is a moving and important part of Louisbourg's dramatic history that we are proud to share; any of our staff would be happy to answer questions and help you find the locations associated with the New Englanders.

I wish you a pleasant journey this summer, and hope we see you at Louisbourg.

We are celebrating our 300th anniversary this summer so there are many special events taking place that may be of interest. all the best,

AnneMarie Lane Jonah, Historian/Historienne  
Parks Canada ParcsCanada  
Fortress of Louisbourg  
259 chemin Park Service Road  
Louisbourg, N.S./ N-Ã‰ B1C 2L2

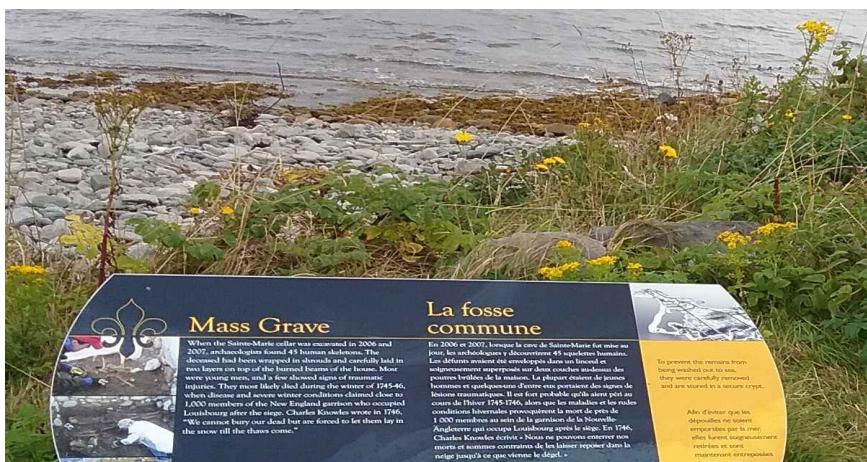
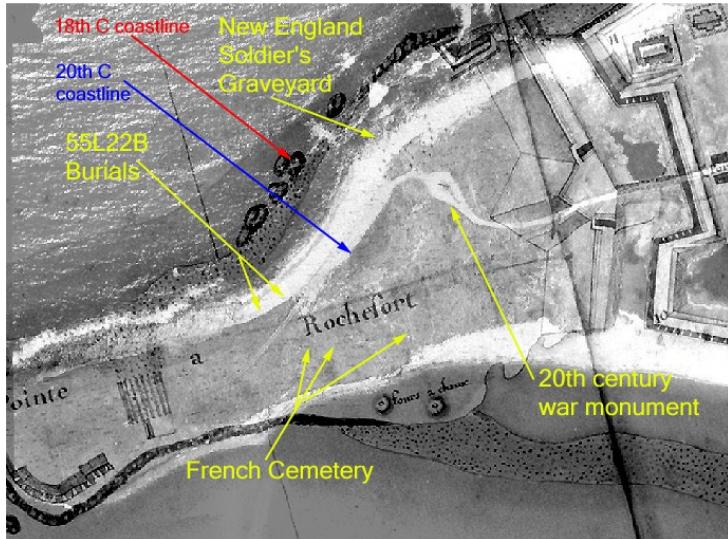
1895 General Soc of Col Wars [Almon, Rochefort Point: A Silent City in Louisbourg, Glace Bay, Cape Breton, 1940, p. 13



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## 2017: As The Shoreline Shrinks, Graves Are Exposed Or Eroded



So, where is our Captain Jonathan Prescott buried? Quite possibly right behind me....



....where University of New Brunswick archaeologists are slowly excavating remains from this gravesite.

For more on this project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CON1TiWE46A>  
<https://www.unb.ca/fredericton/arts/departments/anthropology/research/bioarchaeology/index.html>  
<https://www.unb.ca/fredericton/arts/departments/anthropology/research/bioarchaeology/news.html>  
<https://www.facebook.com/unbbioarchaeologyfieldschool/videos/vb.243684432717234/1482398748560679/?type=2&theater>

## A CALL TO ACTION

From: "prescotd@juno.com"

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: New England Patriots Who Deserve Better

Date: Mon, Feb 06, 2017 11:56 AM

Dear Friends,

allow me to implore your attention - and through you other DAR chapters and Historical Societies throughout New England - a matter which I strongly believe deserves your consideration.

As we speak, the remains of New Hampshire and other New England patriots are literally floating out to sea or are rotting in mass graves in a remote, cold, wind-swept spit of land....in Canada.

Their only crime was serving beyond their call of duty after winning the most stunning victory most Americans have never heard of.

I speak of the unlikely successful siege in 1745 by New England Militia of the greatest fortress in the Western Hemisphere at that time - Louisbourg in Cape Breton, Canada.

While I recognize that you are already familiar with this important event in colonial-era America, you might not know that in recent years these mass graves - on the shoreline and under shallow dirt - are being eroded by the unrelenting pounding sea.

My review of this matter finds the Canadian authorities doing the best they can with the resources they have; indeed, this spring - only months away - they intend to continue exhumations from only one small site and to re-inter exposed remains. But there are still 500 -800 New England militia unceremoniously stacked in mass graves and at risk. And I dare say that the thousands and thousands of their descendants - like me - would like to know that....and, do something about it.

I am suggesting that this matter should be a shared responsibility, that we as Americans, New Englanders, and descendants of these heroes step up and get involved with the Canadians in the planning and funding of an appropriate final resolution.

While I hesitate to make the Normandy comparison, it is none-the-less true that these farmers, blacksmiths, etc. from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, and Connecticut are in fact buried in another country after having answered the call to protect their homeland and secure the future that we enjoy today.

I would be happy to share other information and suggestions I have on this matter. In the meantime, and for your review, I offer the following link which is an excellent presentation given last year by the chief archaeologist at Fortress Louisbourg: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CON1TiWE46A>

Our brave ancestors don't need another monument, they need a dignified final resting place – home.

Cordially,

Douglas Prescott

New York City

## Excerpts from

# LOUISBOURG JOURNALS

1745

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## NINTH JOURNAL

CHAPLAIN STEPHEN WILLIAMS

This distinguished Colonial minister was long in charge of the parish of Longmeadow, Massachusetts. He was born on May 14, 1693, and died on June 10, 1782. At Louisbourg he was a chaplain at large to the land army, although certainly attached to Col. John Choate's Eighth Massachusetts Regiment, and he arrived there on Saturday, July 6, 1745, in the frigate *Massachusetts*.

The diary of Mr. Williams presents a picture of the expedition unlike that given by any other of the participants. It is a dreary and gloomy record filled with notes of the ceaseless demands upon him by the sick and dying. McLennan in his *Louisbourg From Its Foundation to its Fall* writes of the trying period which followed the excitement and glamour of the attack and the victory, "the garrison settled down to what to them would have seemed a dreary winter, with their only occupation the repair of the fortifications and buildings. It proved more than a dreary autumn and winter. Louisbourg at its best was a town of narrow streets and lanes. The interruption to ordinary life of the siege had resulted in an accumulation of filth that turned the town into a midden. The change from sleeping in the open, to infected barracks and houses was unwholesome, and the entries in the diaries of these months is a dreary repetition of sickness and burials. Warren,

July 24, 1745 Louisbourg Chaplain Williams dines with Capt "Prescot"

24 prayd at the Citadell, and Hospitall — The young man, belonging to capt Byles' company is dead this morning — his name — was Mallett things are managd strangely at the Hospitall yet, I pray God, to direct me, what to do — in this affair — went to Mr [Elisha] Williams and walkd in the city — dind — at Home — capt [Jonathan] prescot being with me — . after dinr vistd capt

## Chaplain Williams Diary References Captain "prescots Company"

August 13, 1745

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### LOUISBOURG JOURNALS

there — J. [Joshua] Geary is I hope better — and the rest — able to move — tho some poorly of it. returnd to the city prayd in the Hospitall, and with dr pynchon, H. Barker, above mentiond — dyd — this day — as did one James Stuart belonging to capt: [Jonathan] prescots company — who was Sick but a few days — N. B.

November 14, 1745

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14. morning Citadel. visitd — at capt: [Charles] doolittles he is Sick and severall of the men, visitd — at the House where capt: Baker lived — and at the collonell House — went in to see dr [Gillam] Taylor — who is I hope, upon the Recruit — then, I went into the Hospitall, and prayd with them and I found six men dead there. two of the men of warrs men, and the other four were. one Kelly of capt: [Jonathan] prescots — company, one Coreh of Rhodeisland one of capt: J [John] Warners — men, or

November 15, 1745

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15 morning citadel — one of capt: [Jonathan] Careys men was Burid visitd — at — capt: [Charles] doolittles — capt: [Thomas] Chenys — capt: [Isaac] Coltons — . dind — with collonell [Samuel] More — . visitd — the Generall, who is not very well — . this day were burid — one matthew Slarrow of collonell [Samuel] Willards regiment and capt: [Jonathan] Hubbards company. one jeremiah Hall, of capt: [Samuel] Rhodes company, and collonell [Jeremiah] Moltons regiment, and one of capt [Jonathan] prescots — men of the same regiment. his name I could not learn and one

.....he had only 2 months left to live.

**SO.....we are left with this final, sad reference:** (History of Hampton Falls, p.239)

The distance from Portsmouth was six hundred miles. Rhode Island and Connecticut, by legislative authority, furnished troops; New York sent a supply of artillery; Pennsylvania and New Jersey sent provisions and clothing. The forces were successfully landed near Louisburg, April 30, 1745, and by successful maneuvering the city was surrendered with little fighting, June 17, on the forty-ninth day of the siege. The French reported a loss of two hundred men during the siege. Much sickness and many deaths occurred, owing to the unhealthy surroundings where the men were encamped. At the end of January, 1746, 561 men had died. In May, 1746, Governor Shirley wrote that 890 men had died during the winter. Outside the gate, near the old limekiln, the forgotten bones of more than five hundred New England men lie to this day, under the coarse, neglected grass. We have the names of five Hampton Falls men (and there are probably more) who died there.

<https://archive.org/stream/historyoftownofhoobrow#page/n272/mode/1up/search/williams>

(If "890" died there, and "more than 500" are buried there....then might some have been shipped home? Perhaps. Captain Jonathan? Not likely, as the waters around Louisbourg would have been frozen at the time of his death, with no chance of homebound ships)

Said to be a painting of the American Colonialists landing at Louisbourg Fortress:



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege\\_of\\_Louisbourg\\_\(1745\)#/media/File:Vue\\_du\\_debarquement\\_anglais\\_pour\\_l'attaque\\_de\\_Louisbourg\\_1745.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Louisbourg_(1745)#/media/File:Vue_du_debarquement_anglais_pour_l'attaque_de_Louisbourg_1745.jpg)  
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**Post Script:**

**A few years later, the British GAVE THE WHOLE DAMN FORT BACK to the French!**

ALSO, is this Jonathan, a year before enlisting ? He was a Blacksmith and could have produced these arms.

1744 June 22

Fryday June 22<sup>d</sup> 1744. Met according to adjournment.

Present his Excelency Governour Wentworth.

George Jaffrey	Esqs.	Theodore Atkinson	Esqs.
Jotham Odiorne		Rich <sup>d</sup> Wibird	
Henry Sherburne		Sam <sup>l</sup> Smith	
Joseph Sherburne		John Downing	
Ellis Huske		Sam <sup>l</sup> Solly.	

The Comittee appointed to make an Estimate of the Charge &c that will be necessary for carrying on the Warr made their report which was read & sent down by the Sec<sup>y</sup>.

His Excelency Informed the Council that he had lately Impress'd a number of small Arms which he Imagined belonged to his Majesty & that he had lodged them in his Majestys Fort— [p. 250.] that this Day Mr. Prescott had demanded the s<sup>d</sup> Arms as belonging to him & his Property and asked the advice of his Majestys Council what he should do thereon. To which the Council did advise that the s<sup>d</sup> arms should Lay in the s<sup>d</sup> fort till his Excelency could be further informed of the Property thereof.

~~Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 o'clock~~

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PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

[1744.

To acquaint them that there is now an owner for the fifty Arms he lately Impressed & Lodged in his Majestys Fort Wm & Mary & that he had Promised either that the s<sup>d</sup> owner should be paid for his arms or have them Delivered to him & therefore Desired their Imediate resolve that he might act accordingly.

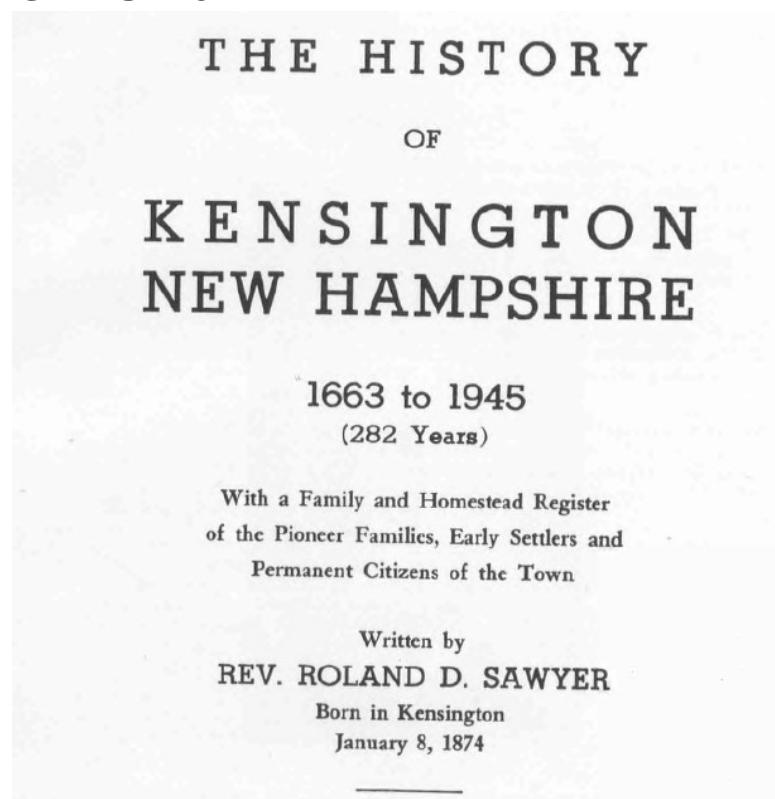
And alsoe to Desire they would come to some resolve on the affairs of Mason & Thomlinson Agreement.

Mr. Jennes from the House with a vote for choice of a Comittee to meet with Mr. Prescott about the arms mentioned in his Excelencys mess<sup>s</sup> of this day which was read & a Comittee added & concurred & assented to by the Governour.

And alsoe An Act the better to Enable the Pronrietors of Not-

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JONATHAN JR.- RELATED EXCERPTS FROM:



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The date that the other householders, who were here in 1732, located in Kensington I have not traced out. I give their names below, with date of birth and marriage, and it is probable that they all came here upon their marriage, or very soon after.

The "New Hampshire State Papers" preserve the petitions signed in 1732 by 60 householders in what is now Kensington, and state that these are in addition to Quakers, who were not asked to sign. The List gives the 60 names, with the Quakers whose names are not on the list. It is the result of long and careful research, and is, I think, a complete list of men possessing homes and living here in 1732. In some instances two householders lived together in a double house.

THE HOUSEHOLDER	DATE BORN	DATE MARRIED	WIFE'S NAME
Batchelder, John	July 28, 1692	Dec. 30, 1714	Abigail Cram
Batchelder, Nathaniel	Feb. 19, 1690	Feb. 24, 1717	Sarah Robie
Blake, Hezekiah	Feb. 4, 1703	Jan. 7, 1725	Joanna Fellows
Blake, Moses	—	1682	Abigail Smith

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Perkins, James	Mar. 17, 1696	Feb. 22, 1729	Shuah Nason
Pike, Joseph	—	1706	Sarah Thompson
Prescott, Jonathan	May 6, 1675	—	Elizabeth —
Prescott, Dea. John	Nov. 19, 1681	—	Abigail Marston
Prescott, Nathaniel	Nov. 19, 1683	—	Ann Marston
Prescott, Jonathan	July 16, 1696	Apr. 3, 1721	Judith Gove

### The Town's Third and Final Move for Independence

March 8, 1736, there was read in the Assembly, the petition of Jonathan Prescott, Joseph Wadleigh and John Batchelder of the North Road, and John Weare and Ezekiel Dow of the South Road, which related the facts of the previous year, of the fire, etc., and on behalf of the 60 original signers they asked the present Assembly to carry out the promises of the previous Assembly.

April 24 both House and Council voted in favor and a committee was appointed to report back its action as to bounds, etc. on Sept. 2, 1736.

### Kensington Incorporated a Separate Parish, April 1, 1737

#### First Annual Report of the Selectmen

Jonathan Prescut John Weare Jeams Perkins  
Served Select men for the parish of Kensington for the year 1737

	L S D
The ministers rate	121.10. 6
The provance rate	078.10. 4
The Gift rate	106.17. 8
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	306.18. 6
Paid out	
The ministers rate	118.00.
the provance rate	052.08.
the Gift rate	100.00.00

(Jonathan Sr. at age 62? or Jr. at age 41?)

1742 — Paid John Sherburn 16 shillings for mending Meeting House.

1744 — For some reason the year was a very hard one with the town — they voted to raise only 131 pounds, 6 shillings, 2 pence, and of this only raised 48 pounds for Mr. Fogg and 50 pounds for the province and spent nothing on roads or schooling.

1745 — Paid Jonathan Prescott for taking census, 10 pence.

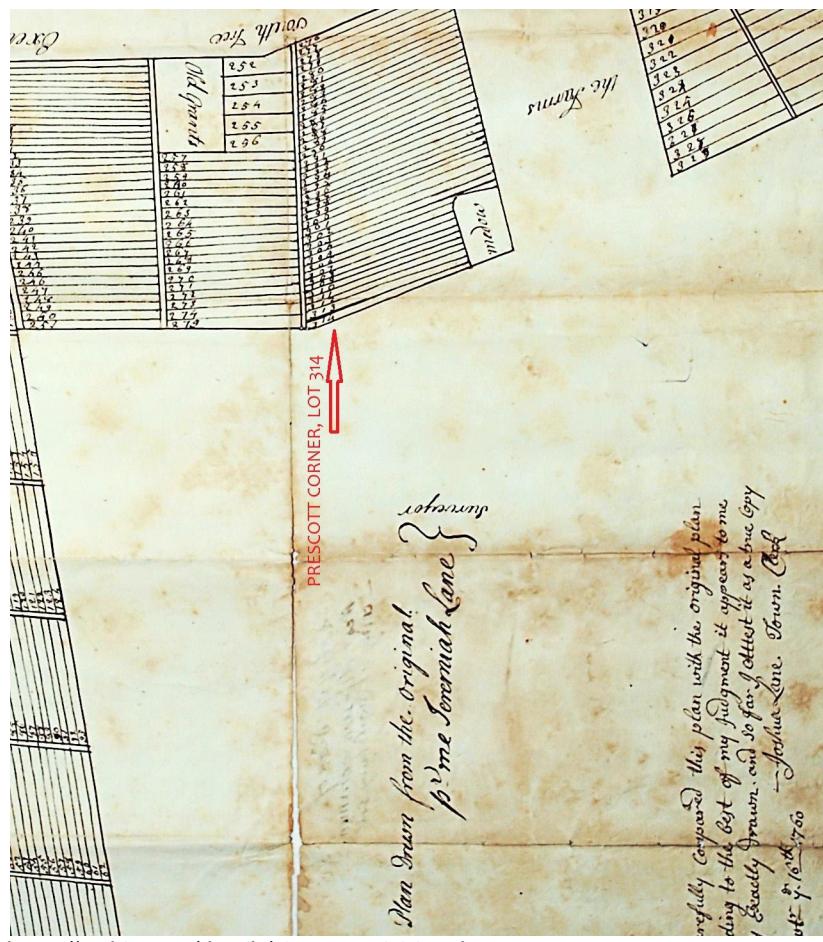
(Jonathan Sr. at age 70? or Jr. at age 49?)

### Boards of Selectmen

1737	Jonathan Prescut, John Weare and James Perkins
1738	Jonathan Prescut, Ezekiel Dow and Joseph Shaw
1739	James Fogg, Jonathan Dow and Samuel Page
1740	Robert Rowe, Nathaniel Dearborn and Ezekiel Dow
1741	Dea. Abraham Moulton, Ebenezer Brown and Jeremiah Eastman
1742	John Batchelder, Richard Sanborn and Nathan Clough
1743	Jonathan Dow, Philemon Blake and Samuel Page
1744	Hezekiah Blake, Jonathan Dow and James Fogg
1745	Jonathan Prescut, Samuel Clifford and Ebenezer Brown
1746	Edward Tuck, Josiah Brown and Jonathan Dow
1747	Benjamin Prescut, Samuel Page and Nathan Clough
1748	Lieut. Ezekiel Worthen, Ebenezer Brown and James Prescut

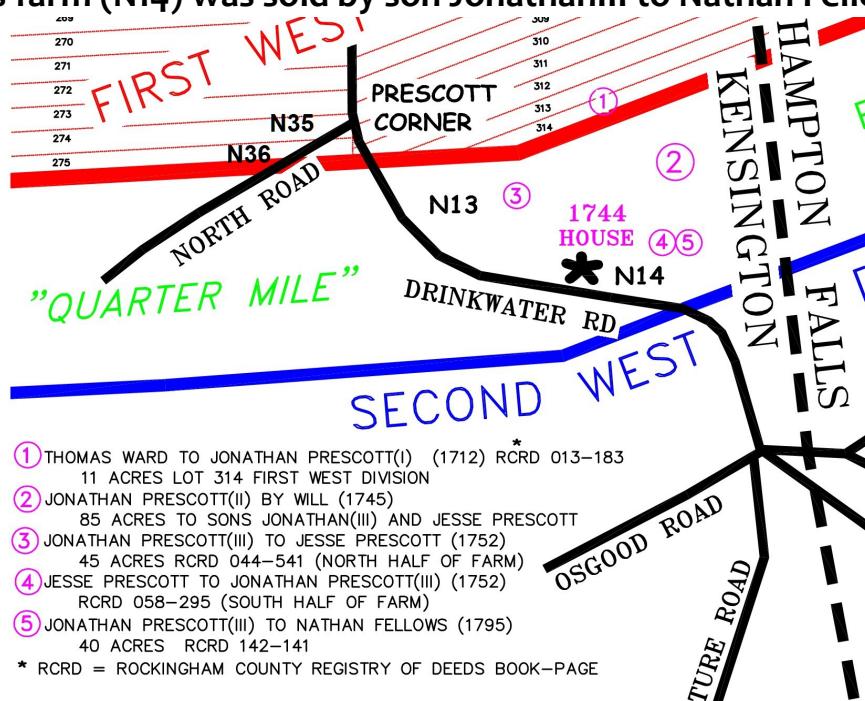
**Could the Jonathans have taken turns as Kensington Selectmen?**

## PRESCOTT CORNER: Early Map of the First West Division, Now Kensington



Jonathan Sr.'s farm (N13) was sold by grandson Jesse to Jesse Tuck in 1773.

Jonathan Jr.'s farm (N14) was sold by son Jonathan III to Nathan Fellows in 1795.

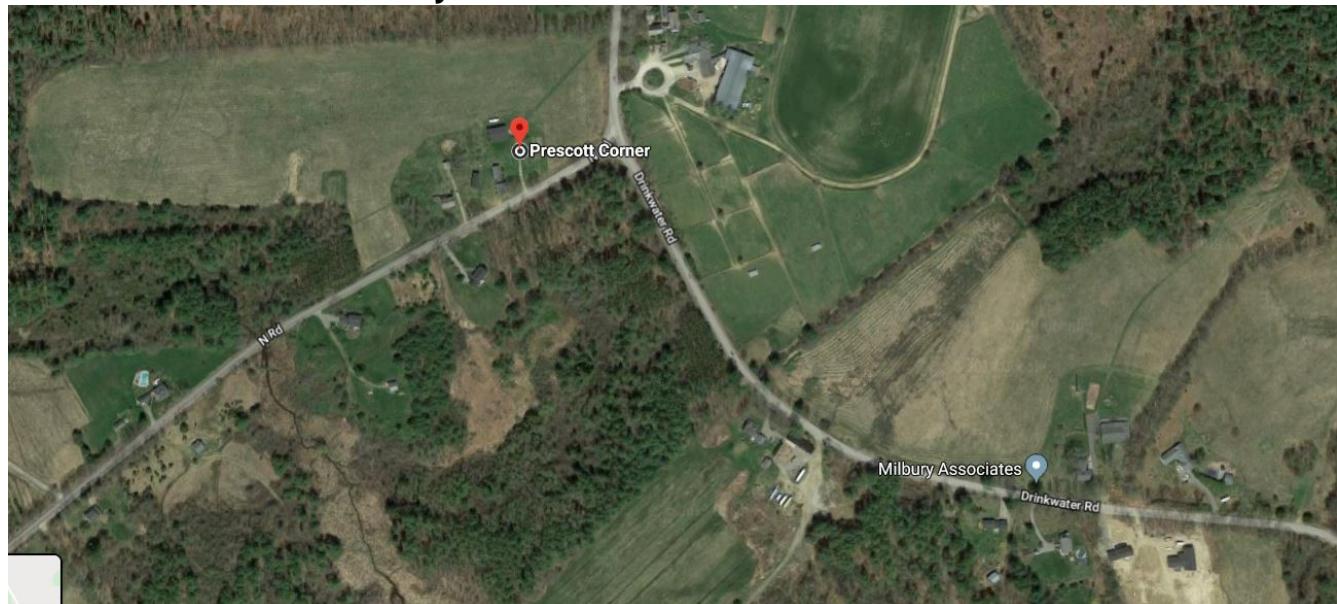


## PRESCOTT CORNER, and Captain Jonathan's 1744 House.

This 1857 Map shows Prescott farms still existing at that time. At the bottom-right is a "Mrs. Fellows", whose ancestor bought in 1795 from Jonathan III, Capt. Jonathan's son, the house that the Captain built in 1744. Fellows sold the house and farm to Dr. Rounsefell in 1918 (only 2 owners since). 1857 Rockingham County Wall Map



## PRESCOTT CORNER Today



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**Capt. Jonathan's home, built in 1744, is still visibly there, located to right of the "Milbury" label. Several original Prescott farms were located on both sides of Drinkwater Road.**

## The 1744 House

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HISTORY OF KENSINGTON



### (N 14) PRESCOTT-FELLOWS-ROUNSEFELL "Rolling Ridge"

Dr. Clifford G. and Betsy (Clow) Rounsefell

Capt. Jonathan Prescott, son of Jonathan, built this house in 1744. In 1795 his son Jonathan sold to Nathan Fellows and moved to Gilman-ton. Nathan Fellows, Jr., born 1802, inherited the place; he died in 1852 leaving a widow and 11 children. Emma L., the 8th child, mar-ried Charles R. Gove and lived here many years. Dr. Rounsefell bought in 1918 and has taken great interest in the farm and has im-proved to its present condition. The 1744 house was only one end of the present house; the new section was added by Nathan Fellows between 1824-1830.

### BLACKSMITH SHOP and SCHOOL HOUSE

Down the hill once stood the Prescott blacksmith shop and the small school house, built on his land in 1774.

**The House That Captain Jonathan Prescott Built In 1744**  
**Lovingly Maintained By Its Present Residents**



**Original fireplace, paneling, low ceiling, and wide floorboards**



**Hand hewn ceiling beams**



**Massive boulder foundation**



## View of the land from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor



## The Barn

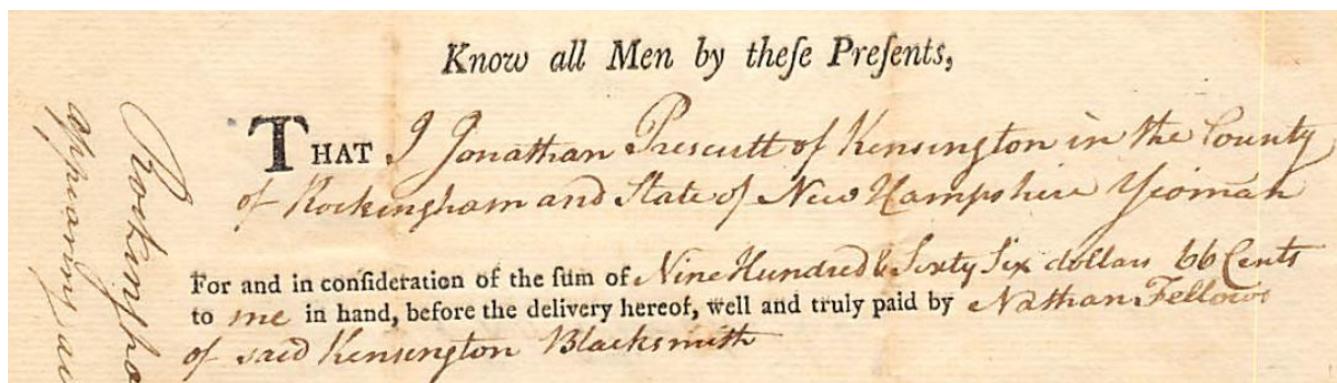
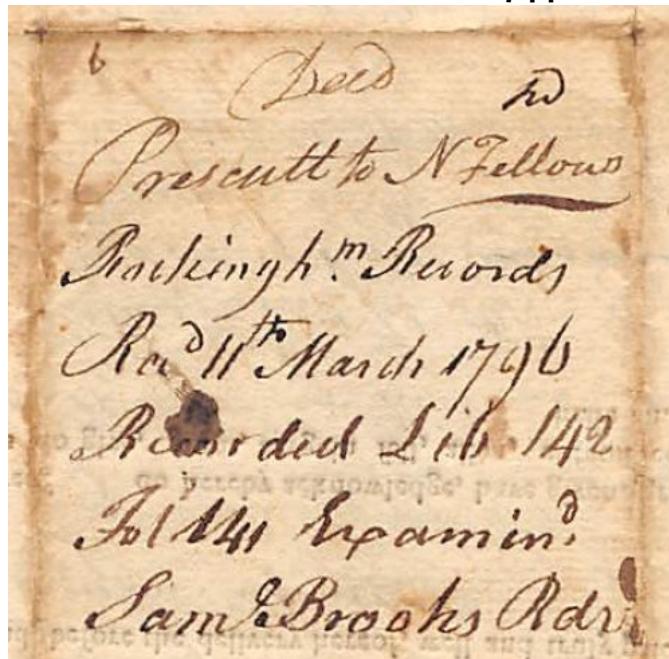


## Epilogue

The House and land is held by Captain Jonathan's son, Jonathan 3rd, until 1796 when, with this deed transfer, the farmland - gained, cleared, farmed by Jonathan 1st - and the house the Captain built, are forever conveyed from Prescott hands.

It should be noted that the property was sold to a Nathan Fellows, probably the son of Captain Jonathan's comrade in Louisbourg – Lt./Captain Nathan Fellows (see previous muster rolls).

From the 1744 House





**The Kensington Library, Home Of The "Vault", Treasure Trove Of Kensington Original Documents**  
**THE END**

**See The Documentary History of James Prescott,  
Father of Jonathan Sr., Grandfather of Captain Jonathan**